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Citizen's Planning Academy

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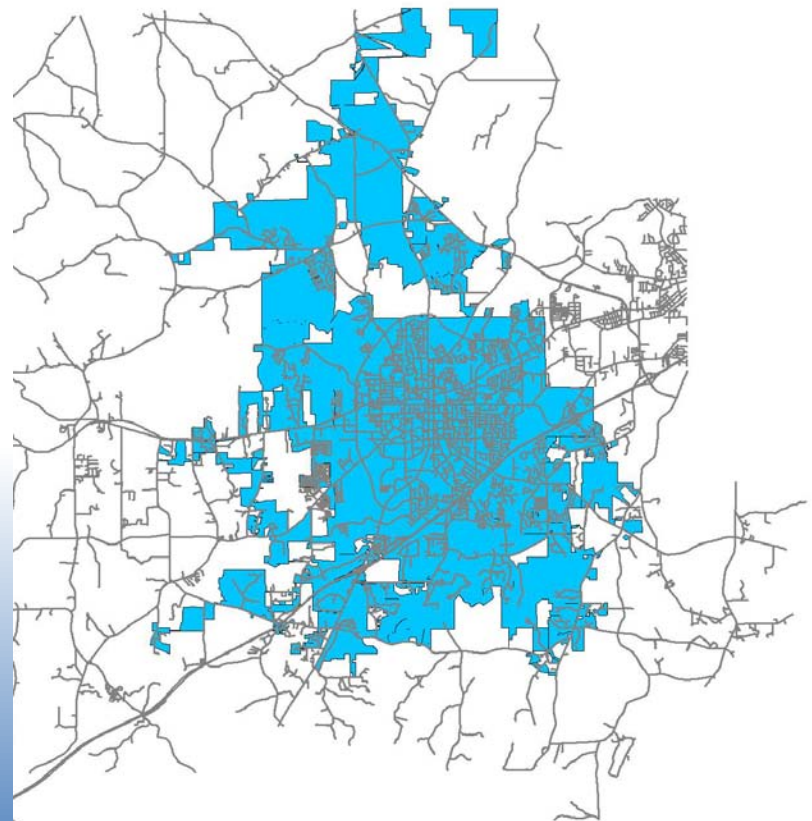
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Long-Range Planning in Auburn

- What is comprehensive planning?
- Why is comprehensive planning important?
- Existing long-range plans
  - Auburn 2020
  - Land Use Plan 2004
- Upcoming planning efforts
  - Comprehensive Plan 2030

What does comprehensive planning involve?

- Broadly speaking:
  - Looking at everything related to the physical development of the community
  - Including all of the land area that is or may be subject to the City's regulatory jurisdiction
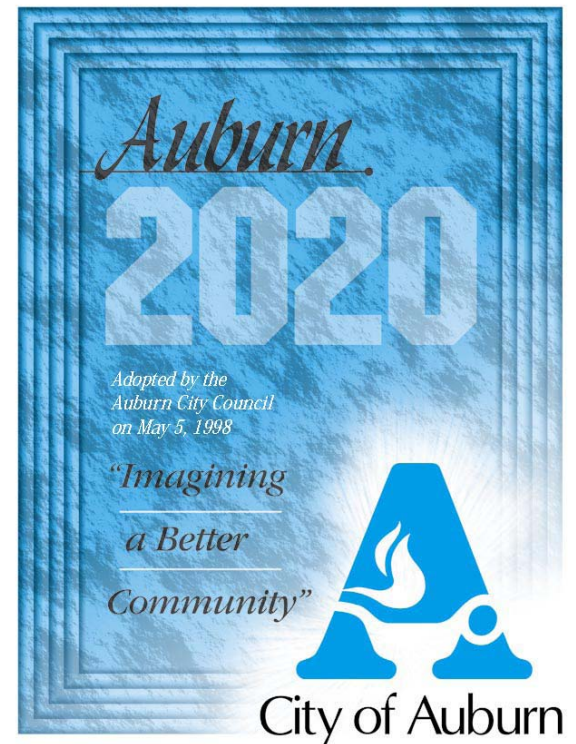 - A long-range time horizon

What is a comprehensive plan?

- A comprehensive plan is "a written document that identifies the goals, objectives, principles, guidelines, policies, standards, and strategies for the growth and development of the community"

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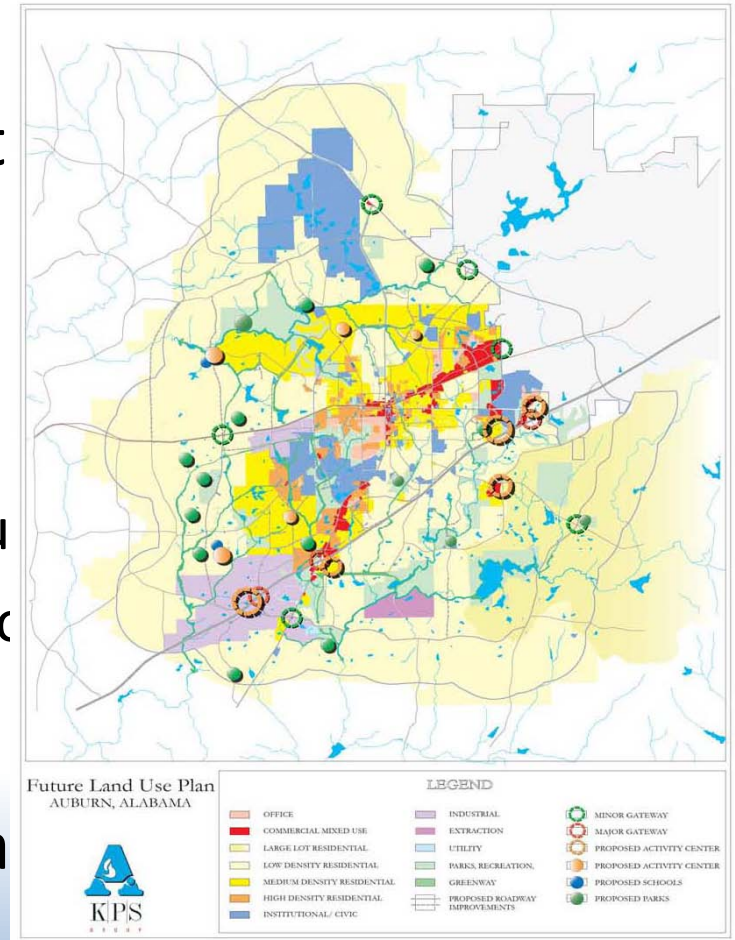
- Auburn 2020
  - A strategic planning document
  - Adopted May 5, 1998
  - Citizen committees reviewed:
    - Education
    - Growth and Development
    - Intergovernmental Relations
    - Transportation
    - Utilities and Technology
    - Family and Community
    - Public Safety

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2020

Adopted by the
Auburn City Council
on May 5, 1998

"Imagining
a Better
Community"

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Comprehensive Planning in Auburn

- Auburn 2020
  - Committees issued reports wit
    objectives for 2020
  - Sample goals:
    - Maintain strong schools
    - Develop water sources to keep u
    - Provide facilities and programs fo
- Land Use Plan 2004
  - provides guidance for future la

Future Land Use Plan
AUBURN, ALABAMA

LEGEND

OFFICE	INDUSTRIAL
COMMERCIAL MIXED USE	EXTRACTION
LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL	UTILITY
LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	PARKS, RECREATION,
MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	GREENWAY
HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL	PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
INSTITUTIONAL/ CIVIC	

MINOR GATEWAY
MAJOR GATEWAY
PROPOSED ACTIVITY CENTER
PROPOSED ACTIVITY CENTER
PROPOSED SCHOOLS
PROPOSED PARKS

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Updating the Plans

- The 2004 Land Use Plan provides guidance for future land use in the City, but is overly general and has not been widely applied.

- Auburn 2020 provides goals and policies across a wide range of growth- and development-related
topics, but is now over 10 years old.

- CompPlan 2030, Auburn's new comprehensive plan

What is CompPlan 2030?

- CompPlan 2030 is the City of Auburn's comprehensive plan. As a plan, CompPlan 2030:
  - Provides guidance for the future, based on analysis of existing and future conditions, best practices, and Auburn's best vision for itself
  - Gives the aspirations of the community substance and form
  - Provides predictability and fairness for citizens, elected officials, city staff, and the development community
  - Integrates many disparate systems into one harmonious whole

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What makes the plan comprehensive?

- The plan analyzes a broad spectrum of existing conditions to provide a clear picture of the current state of the City.

- The plan covers a broad spectrum of subject areas related to the future growth and development of the City, from land use and transportation to the natural environment and open space.

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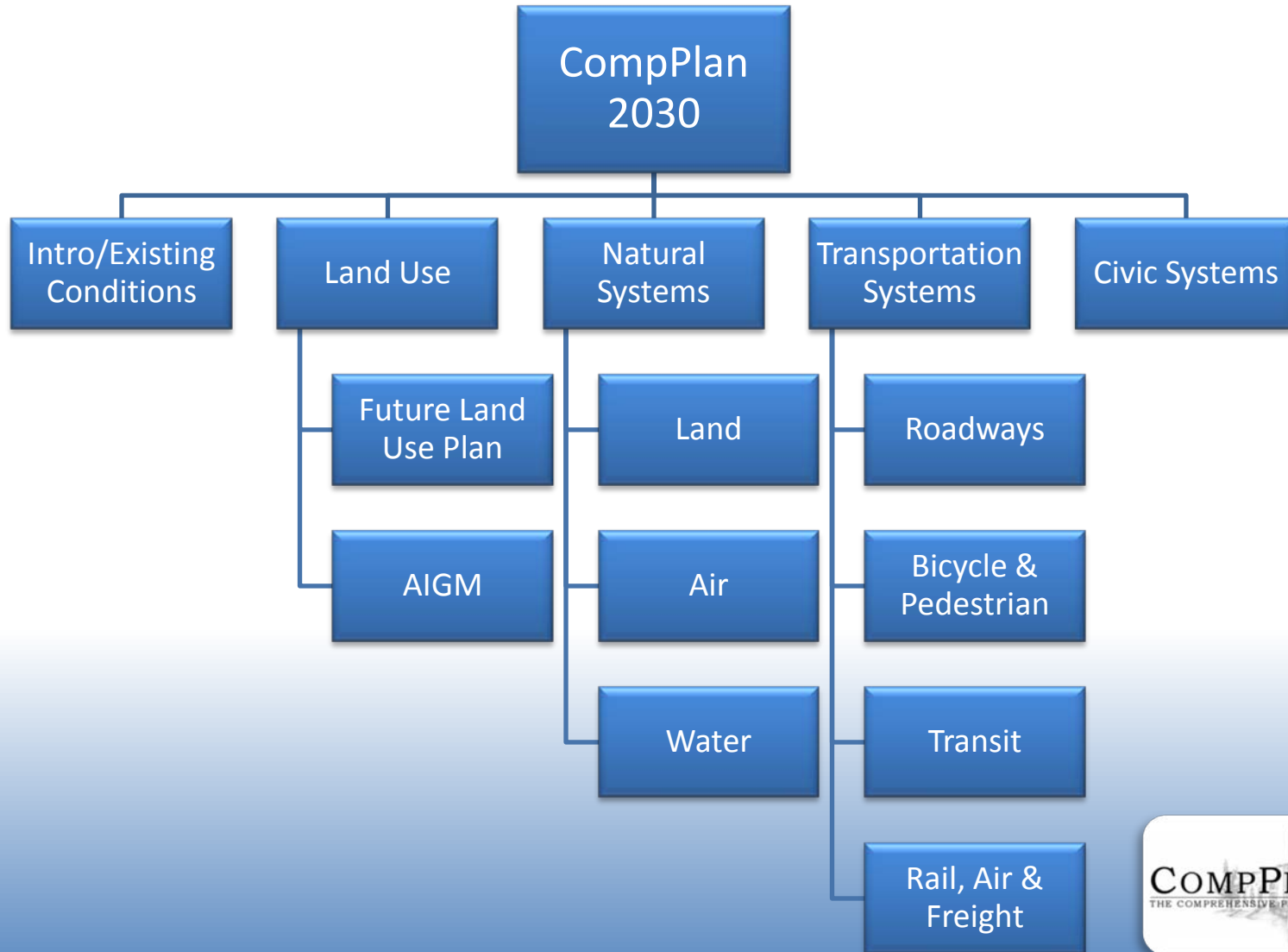
What makes the plan comprehensive?

The plan moves from:

- *Acquisition*, in which we gather data on the broad spectrum of existing conditions;

- To *analysis*, in which the information is examined, turned over, and examined again;

- To *awareness*, the end result of successful analysis in which the nature of problems and trends is revealed, connections determined, and goals and objectives stated;

- To *action*, the hard work of making the plan's recommendations more than just words on paper.

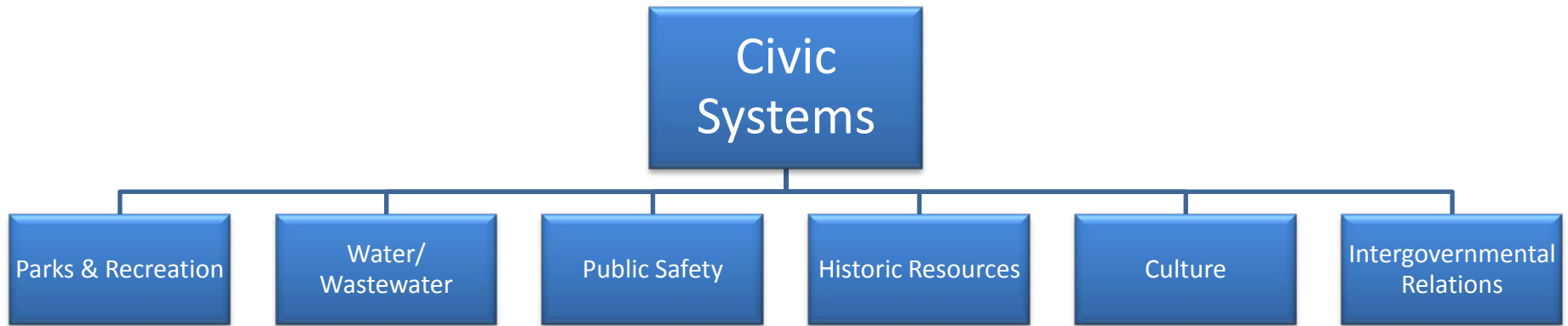# What makes the plan comprehensive?

- The plan coordinates and unifies the dozens of existing plans and other documents that currently guide the City of Auburn.

- Fundamentally, CompPlan 2030 is a plan about good growth. Auburn is a fast-growing community that faces many challenges in the days and years ahead. Because we know we will grow, the question must become: how do we grow, and how do we do it well?
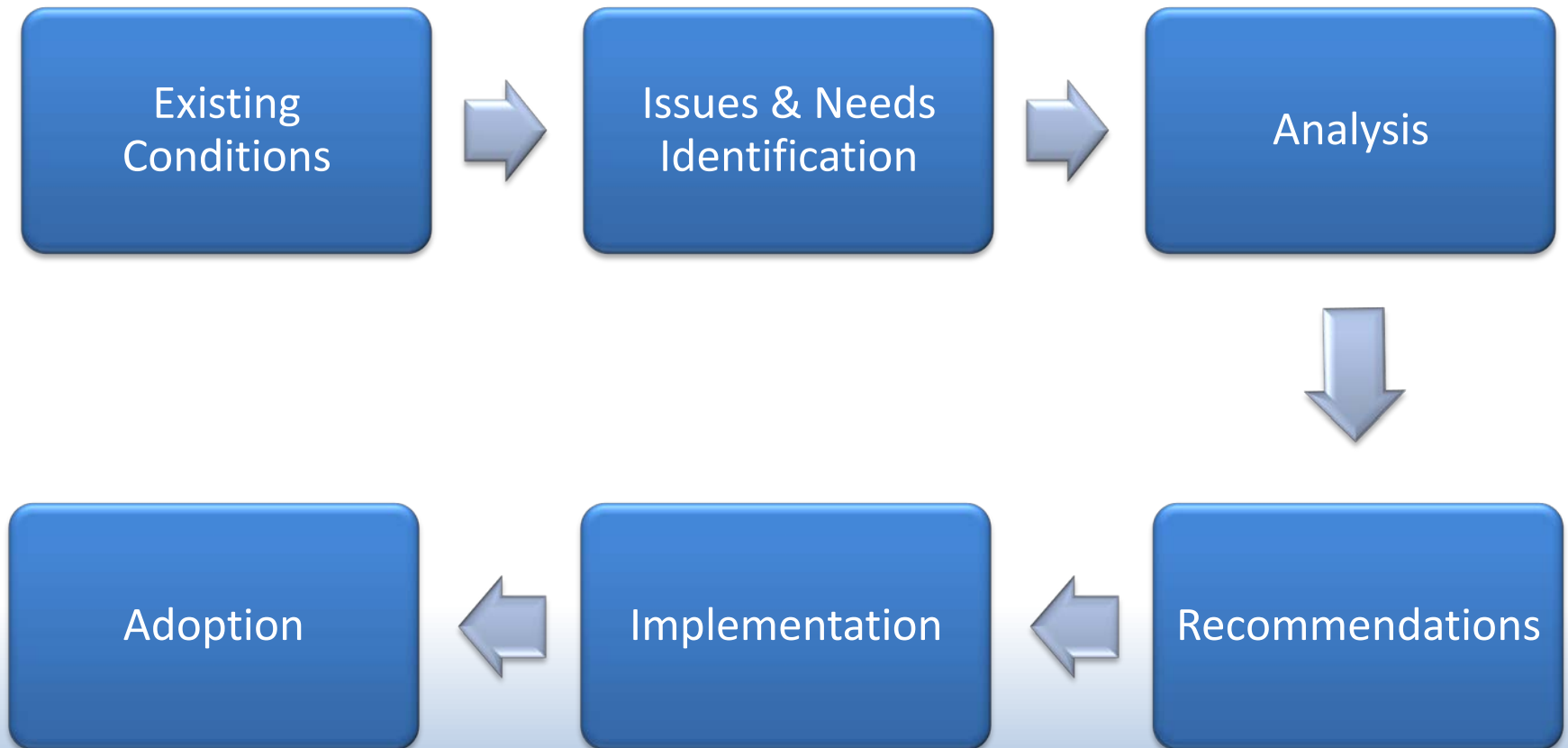
CompPlan 2030 Structure

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                          2030
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Intro/Existing  Land Use   Natural    Transportation  Civic Systems
Conditions                 Systems    Systems
                    │          │            │
              Future Land     Land       Roadways
              Use Plan
                    │          │            │
                  AIGM        Air        Bicycle &
                                         Pedestrian
                               │            │
                             Water        Transit
                                            │
                                         Rail, Air &
                                         Freight
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CompPlan 2030 Structure:
Civic Systems

Civic Systems

- Parks & Recreation
- Water/ Wastewater
- Public Safety
- Historic Resources
- Culture
- Intergovernmental Relations

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Typical Outline of a Sub-element

- Introduction
- Existing conditions
- Existing plans
- Analysis
  - Impact on future growth
- Goals & objectives

The CompPlan Process

Existing Conditions Process

- Meet with departmental or other stakeholders to determine information needs

- Planning staff assemble readily available data; stakeholders assist with assembling more specialized data

- Review existing plans and standards

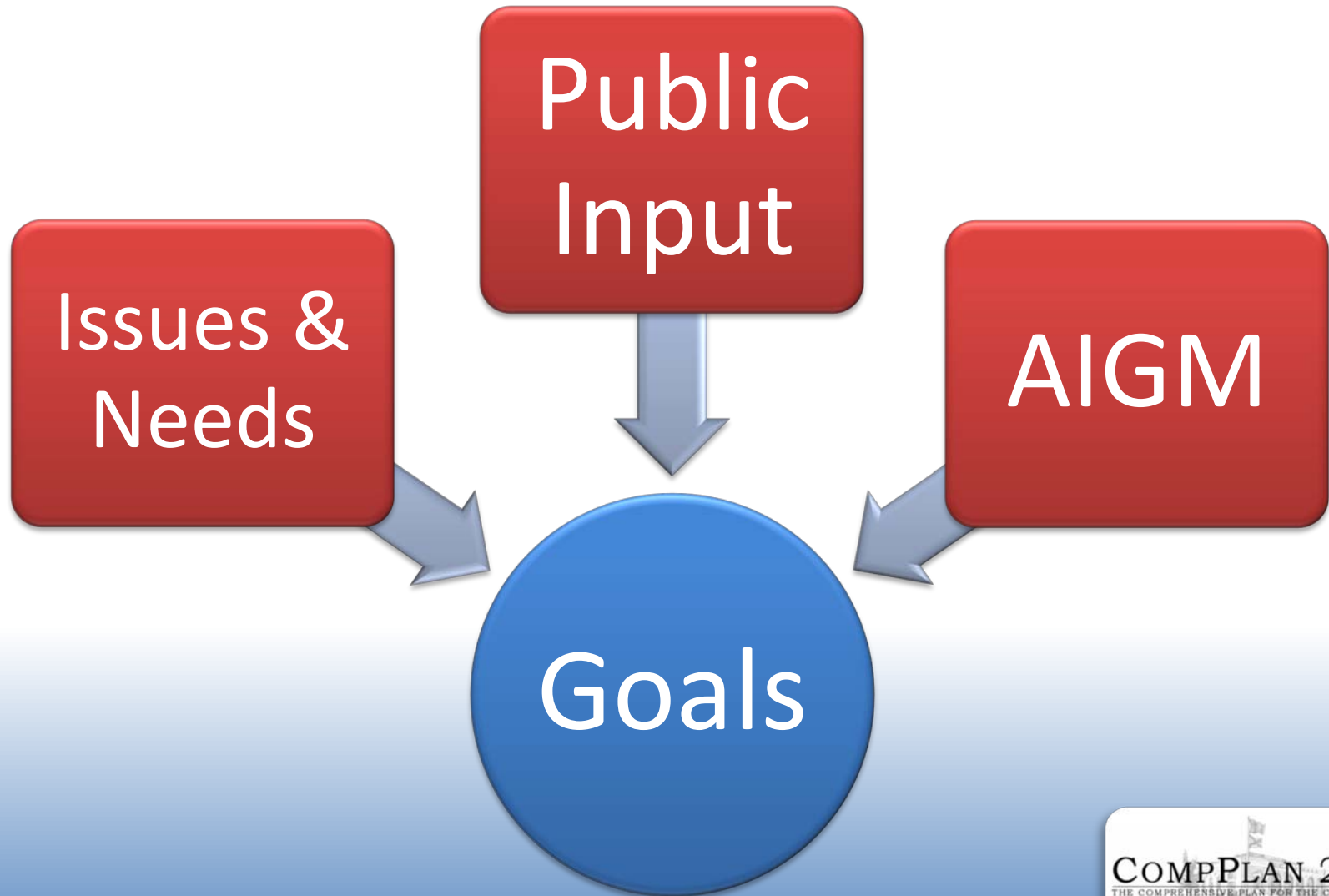- Review departmental goals and objectives

Issues & Needs Process

- After existing conditions are complete

- Planning staff and stakeholders generate formalized issues and needs (or opportunities) lists through SWOT analysis or variant

- Issues and needs lists form one basis for recommendations and help inform analysis

Analysis Process

- Will vary by section
- Example: Parks & Rec
  - Review facility inventories: do current facilities meet level of service standards?
  - Review existing plans: what recommendations still need to be implemented?
  - Review current literature: What are emerging trends in the field of parks & rec?
  - Stakeholder interviews
- Ongoing stakeholder review and comment

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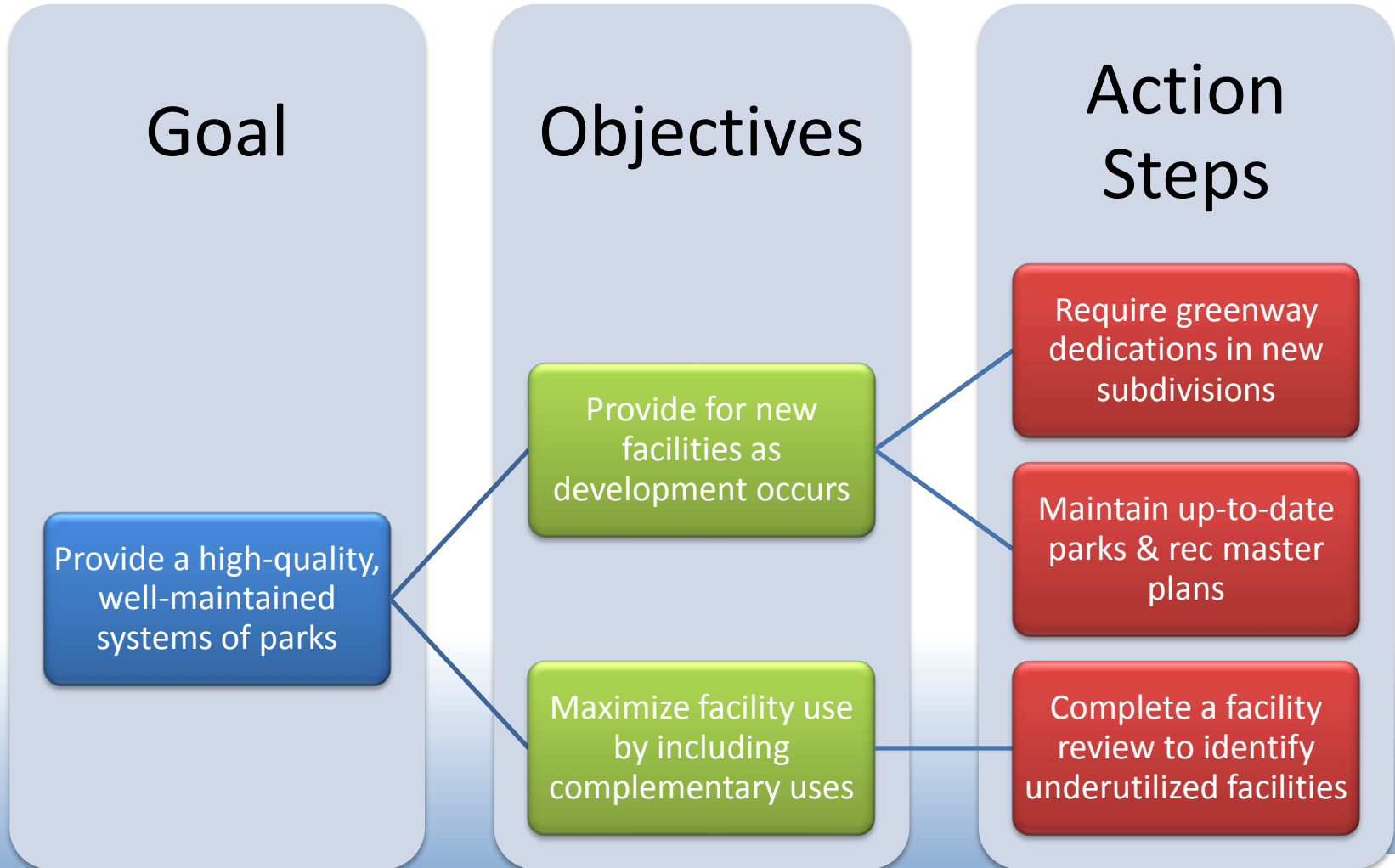THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN

Recommendations Process

Recommendations Process

- Public input generate a share of the recommendations

- Some recommendations will be generated in response to expressed issues & needs

- Other recommendations will come from the AIGM or AIGM submodels

- Recommendations will consist of goals, objectives, and actions steps.

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Recommendations Process

Goal

Provide a high-quality, well-maintained systems of parks

Objectives

Provide for new facilities as development occurs

Maximize facility use by including complementary uses

Action Steps

Require greenway dedications in new subdivisions

Maintain up-to-date parks & rec master plans

Complete a facility review to identify underutilized facilities

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Implementation Process

- Includes all action steps
- Action steps are assembled, and timelines and responsible agencies or stakeholders are assigned.
- Example:
  - Complete a facility review to identify underutilized facilities
  - Responsible Agency: City of Auburn Parks & Rec
  - Timeline: 1-3 years

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Adoption Process

- Includes a public meeting prior to Planning Commission public hearing

- Is considered by Planning Commission and City Council for adoption

- Adoption by Planning Commission and City Council is vital to success of plan

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The AIGM and CompPlan 2030

Task 1: Baseline Updates

- Update of baseline data, including residential units, commercial & office square footage, etc.
- Estimated completion: Complete

Task 2: New Baseline Maps

- Create new maps illustrating baseline 2009 and projections based on current level of service
- Estimated completion: September 30, 2009

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The AIGM and CompPlan 2030

Task 3: Alternate Land Use Scenarios

- Develop and test alternate land use scenarios from baseline
- Evaluate alternate land use scenarios
- Consultant report on pros/cons of each scenario
- Estimated completion: July 2010

Task 4: Draft Future Land Use Map

- Complete draft future land use map
- Estimated completion: September 2010

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The AIGM and CompPlan 2030

Task 5: Civic Systems

- Work on integration of submodels into appropriate sections and ongoing review of analysis, findings, and recommendations
- Estimated completion: October 2010

Task 6: Implementation Recommendations

- Preparation of suggested guidelines for development regulation changes based on CompPlan.
- Estimated completion: Early 2011

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Why CompPlan 2030 is important

- First comprehensive long-range planning effort in Auburn in over a decade

- Plan will use both quantitative and qualitative input

- Plan will be an adopted policy document of the City

Why CompPlan 2030 is important

- Future land use plan will help determine the type, location, and scale of new development and associated improvements for the next 20 years

- Recommendations address broad range of subject areas

- For Planning, recommendations may result in substantial changes to zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations

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How will it be used?

- A document that provides predictability in decision-making

- A tool for managing growth in ways that reflect the values and aspirations of the people and City of Auburn.

- A tool to inform and be informed by the AIGM in planning for future growth.

- A coordinating document to bring together the many documents and plans that currently guide the City.

- Not a replacement or successor to existing departmental plans

- Not a prescriptive mandate

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Meeting Schedule

Meeting Name	Date/Frequency
Planning Commission Work Session	Start November 2009 / Monthly
Public Meeting #1	October 13, 2009
Joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting	November 10, 2009
Public Meeting #2	February 2010
Joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting	March 2010
Public Meeting #3	October 2010
Joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting	October 2010
Planning Commission Adoption	December 2010
City Council Adoption	January 2011

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Questions?