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**Imagine Owatonna 2050 Comprehensive Plan Draft**  
***Public input encouraged through September 24***

OWATONNA, Minn., Sept. 19, 2024 – The time is now to imagine Owatonna’s future and provide input on plans that will shape the community through 2050.

Over the past year, the City has been drafting its Comprehensive Plan to document the long-term vision for Owatonna. City staff, consultants and Planning Commission members prepared the draft *Imagine Owatonna 2050 Comprehensive Plan* and are inviting community members to provide input on the plan. Throughout the plan development, City staff and Council Members have engaged with residents and stakeholders from the business community, parks and recreation advocates, nonprofit agencies, social service providers, Owatonna’s immigrant communities and residents of all ages. “Community engagement and input throughout this process has been essential in creating a vision, values and high-level goals for the community,” according to Troy Klecker, Community Development Director. The Comprehensive Plan will guide City decision-making regarding land use, economic development, parks, trails, the transportation system, housing, sustainability, resilience and other issues affecting Owatonna. The plan articulates a vision, values, goals and implementation steps for action.

***Final steps & engagement opportunities***

The final steps in finalizing this important plan include inviting community members to view the draft and provide comments that will shape it. There are several ways to engage in this process.

- Visit [Owatonna.gov/Imagine2050](https://www.owatonna.gov/Imagine2050) to view the plan and provide feedback online before 4:30 p.m. September 23.
- Attend the September 24 Planning Commission Open House at Owatonna City Hall Council Chambers, 540 West Hills Circle, from 3:30 until 5:15 p.m. to discuss the plan with City staff, provide comments or see a formal presentation at 4 p.m.
- Attend the September 24 public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Owatonna City Hall Council Chambers where they will finalize their recommendation to the City Council to adopt the plan.

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