

Chapter 10

Implementing the Comprehensive Plan

Introduction

Once the City of Prescott adopts its amended Comprehensive Plan, it can begin to implement the recommendations prioritized below. There are different “tools” that can be used to implement the Plan. The tools can be new policies, zoning code amendments, creating committees, task forces, etc. All of these can be used to help implement the recommendations.

There are goals, objectives, and recommendations at the end of each chapter in the City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan. These represent the end result that the City hopes to achieve by implementing the Plan. Though there are many excellent ideas in each chapter, it may be impossible to address them all at the same time. Naturally, budgets, time constraints, manpower, or changes in attitude may cause some of the ideas not to be realized, and others to be expanded upon.

The Plan Implementation chapter will review the goals, objectives, and recommendations at the end of each chapter to determine which policies should be implemented and in what time frame.

Potential Implementation Tools

Implementation tools can be grouped into regulatory and non-regulatory categories. Regulatory tools can be state, county, and municipal codes that the City of Prescott uses to regulate itself. Non-regulatory tools can be actions City government, groups, or residents voluntarily take to achieve a goal. Regulatory and non-regulatory tools can be used to do budgetary planning, public education, and park maintenance. Throughout the plan, ways of achieving the goals have been identified.

Roles and Responsibilities

Residents and Property Owners

The City of Prescott encourages continuous input from its residents and property owners. The planning process does not end with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Views change, regulations are amended, new ideas evolve over time, and with this, the Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated. Therefore, public participation will always be needed and encouraged.

Plan Commission

The City of Prescott Plan Commission’s role in the planning process is to review all pertinent information, give input, and make recommendations to the City Council. The

Plan Commission will use the Comprehensive Plan as a guide for decision making and will recommend revisions and updates as needed.

City Council

In order for the Comprehensive Plan to be implemented, the City Council must formally adopt it. Upon adoption, the Comprehensive Plan becomes a guide for decision making by City officials. As chief policy makers, the Council is also responsible for establishing and actively supporting a continuation of the planning process and program.

Plan Updates

Ongoing evaluation of the City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan is important. The needs of the community today may be different from the needs of tomorrow. Revisions and amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan can be done at any time by following the procedures for adopting a Comprehensive Plan required by state statutes. These include publishing a Class I notice, having the plan available for the public to review for 30 days, and holding a public hearing.

The City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan 2014-2034 Implementation Schedule should be reviewed each year by the Prescott City Council and/or Plan Commission to measure the progress of the plan implementation. By law, the plan is required to be reviewed every 10 years.

Plan Consistency

When drafting a Comprehensive Plan for a community, the possibility exists that the individual pieces of the plan may not support other elements to the extent they should or, in the worst case, contradict other elements. As envisioned and crafted, the elements of this plan fit together into a cohesive direction for future decision making in the City.

Implementation Recommendations and Schedule

There are many recommendations throughout the City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan. Personnel and budget limitations can make it difficult to address all of them in a short period of time. The City Council will review the recommendations each year and incorporate the priorities into its Strategic Plan.

Plan Integration and Measuring Achievement

In order for the City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan to be successful, the implementation tools must be in place and reflect the intent of the plan.

After one year of adopting the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council or Plan Commission should review the prioritization list and evaluate the effectiveness of the plan, its limitations, and the use of the plan by the Plan Commission.

Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations

Goal 1: The City of Prescott Comprehensive Plan has a clear vision of the how it wants to grow and develop over the next 20 years and is committed to achieving this vision using sustainable methods.

Objectives:

1. Identify and complete implementation recommendations in the Prescott Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendations:

1. Prioritize projects and implement them in stages taking advantage of grants and other tools to minimize the cost to residents.
2. Incorporate energy saving technologies and sustainable practices when implementing the City's Comprehensive Plan to minimize the impact City growth has on the environment, and to prepare for the challenges of the future (environmental, social, and economic).
3. Review the implementation recommendations to evaluate progress for implementing the plan and identify alternative strategies to achieve the recommendations.