

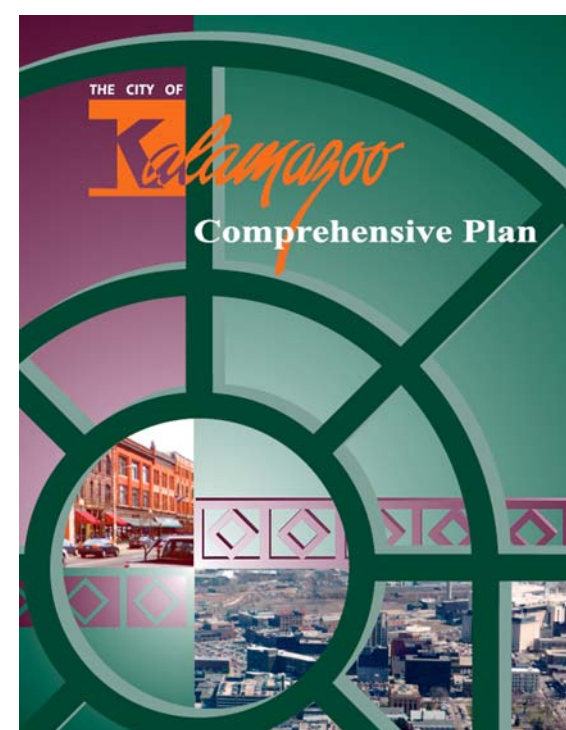
Welcome!

Kalamazoo's Planning History

- 1918 City Manager Harry Freeman suggested the City look into establishing a planning board.
- 1920 A report prepared by St. Louis-based city plan engineer Harland Bartholomew indicated planning in Kalamazoo was at an impasse.
- 1929 Jacob Crane Jr. from Chicago prepared *A Report on the Basic Elements of a City Plan for Kalamazoo, Michigan*, which included a 50 year plan
- 1958 Victor Gruen and Associates proposed *Kalamazoo 1980*, which included a pedestrian-friendly downtown encircled by a ring road, surrounded by parking lots. His concept for an open-air pedestrian mall was realized in 1959.
- 1970s PUD ordinance created in response to urban renewal of the 1950s and 1960s to encourage orderly development

Recent Planning Efforts

- 1996 Downtown Plan
- Comprehensive Plan 1998
- Southside Plan 2002
- Kalamazoo Riverfront Redevelopment Plan 2003
- Vision for Downtown Kalamazoo 2004
- North Drake Area Planning Statement 2004
- Kalamazoo Two-Way Traffic Conversion Studies 2004-2006
- Downtown Comprehensive Retail Strategy 2004
- Convention Center Market and Feasibility Analysis 2004
- Downtown Design Guidelines 2005
- Residential Market Study 2005
- West Side Plan 2005
- Riverfront Overlay Zoning 2006
- Downtown Kalamazoo Occupancy Survey 2008
- Campus Connection Study 2008
- Downtown Plan 2009
- Portage Creek Corridor Reuse Plan 2009



What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a document that

- Is a blueprint for Kalamazoo's future
- Is a legal basis for zoning and other regulations
- Provides a way to address the changing desires and needs of community residents, businesses, and institutions

Preserve, Enhance, Transform

As you travel to each station, consider how you would preserve, enhance, and transform Kalamazoo based on each stations themes.

Master Plan Timeline

April 2009



1. Project Start-Up

Kick Off Meetings (Steering Committee Meeting 1)
Data Collection and Benchmarking



2. Listening and Learning

Four Working Group Meetings
Two Community Meetings to Develop the Vision
Steering Committee Meeting 2



3. Shared Community Vision

Draft Scenarios
Four Working Group Meetings
Two Community Meetings: Did We Hear You Correctly?
Steering Committee Meeting 3

Early 2010

4. Preparing the Plan

Draft Plan
One Community Meeting for Public Comment
Steering Committee Meeting 4

5. Plan Adoption

63 Day Public Review Period
Planning Commission Adoption
City Commission Adoption

June 2010

Players

Steering Committee

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Bobby Hopewell	City Commission, Borgess Hospital
Sonja Dean	Planning Commission, LIISC
Keith Hernandez	City of Kalamazoo Planning
Bob Doud	Bronson Hospital
Bob Miller	Western Michigan University
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Gary Wager	Kalamazoo Neighborhoods Coalition
Juan Olivarez	Kalamazoo Community Foundation
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Transportation and Infrastructure
Quality of Life

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