

# PlanSpokane 2046 Update

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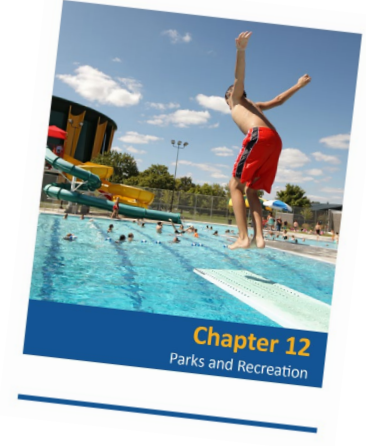
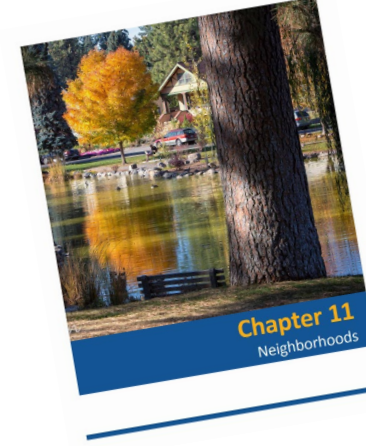
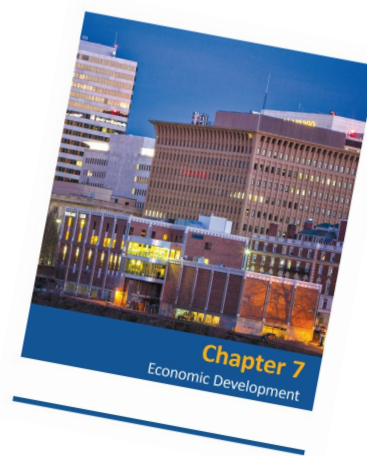
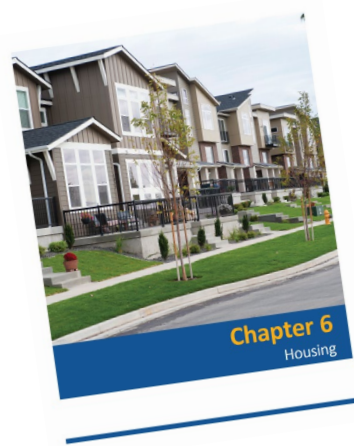
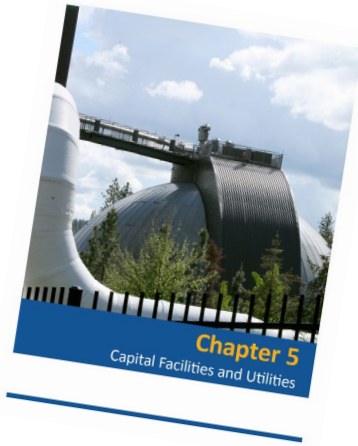
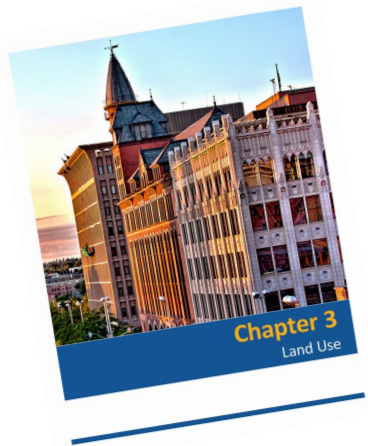


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# What is PlanSpokane 2046?

- State mandated periodic update the **Comprehensive Plan**, the long-term planning document that established vision, goals, and policies that guide all aspects of Spokane's growth and development over the next twenty years.



- First substantial update to the Comprehensive Plan, currently called Shaping Spokane, since it was adopted in 2001



# PlanSpokane 2046 Chapter Review

All chapters are being reviewed and updated, except Shorelines \*



- **Streamlining**

- Simplify and clarify
- Remove unnecessary/redundant language
- Update the look, format, and branding

- **Policy Updates**

- Meet legislative requirements
- Incorporate community feedback
- Update terms to today
- Broaden single-topic policies
- Target informing policy rather than direct action

*\*Shorelines are on a different legislative timeline*



# May Publication

- All\* Comprehensive Plan Chapters are now published and ready for public review
  - \*Chapter 2 delayed as we work through state requirements
- Maps (such as Future Land Use Map) and other graphics **are not** part of this release

Members of the public can submit comments at any time to [PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org](mailto:PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org)

Please reference Chapter and Goal/Policy as applicable



# Chapter Review



## Draft Chapters

The Comprehensive Plan is made up of 14 Chapters covering a wide range of topics that support the community's growth for the next 20 years. For ease of review, the Chapters were broken into three categories: Non-Technical, Technical, and Functional.

The **Non-Technical Chapter** category includes chapters that rely more on community feedback and policy direction than modeling or higher levels of analysis. The chapters are broken into thematic categories – Community, Environment, and How We Grow. Initial drafts of these Chapters were first released in June 2025 and later updated in October 2025.

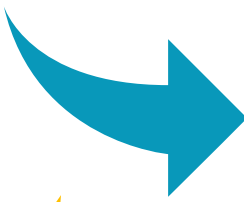
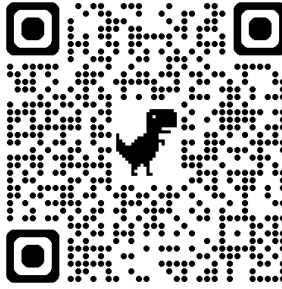
The **Technical Chapter** category includes chapters that rely on data analysis and more technical decision making. These chapters also rely on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and the selection of a Preferred Alternative before policy changes can be considered.

The **Functional Chapter** category includes chapters that support the rest of the Comprehensive Plan. Edits to these chapters are largely dependent on the rest of the document.

- [Plan Commission Chapter Review Subcommittee](#)
- [PlanSpokane 2046](#)
- [Shaping Spokane](#)
- [Climate Planning](#)
- [Engage Spokane](#)

- Chapter 1 – Introduction ✓
- Chapter 2 – Implementation ✓
- Chapter 3 – Growth Strategy ✓
- Chapter 4 – Transportation ✓
- Chapter 5 – Capital Facilities and Utilities ✓
- Chapter 6 – Housing ✓
- Chapter 7 – Economic Prosperity ✓
- Chapter 8 – Urban Design and Historic Preservation ✓
- Chapter 9 – Natural Environment ✓
- Chapter 10 – Community Health ✓
- Chapter 11 – Neighborhoods ✓
- Chapter 12 – Parks and Recreation ✓
- Chapter 13 – Local Governance Through Civic Participation ✓
- Chapter 14 – Shorelines ✓
- Glossary ✓

Visit the Chapter Review webpage to access current drafts at [my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/chapter-review/](https://my.spokanecity.org/planspokane/chapter-review/)



## Chapter 1 – Introduction









The Introduction is a **Functional Chapter** that provides context for the rest of plan, explaining the City of Spokane's history, planning context, and vision statement. The Chapter also provides an understanding of what a Comprehensive Plan is and how to use the document.

- [Draft Introduction Chapter](#) (PDF 00 KB) – (Last updated May 26, 2026)

- Chapter 2 – Implementation ✓
- Chapter 3 – Growth Strategy ✓
- Chapter 4 – Transportation ✓
- Chapter 5 – Capital Facilities and Utilities ✓
- Chapter 6 – Housing ✓

# How to Read the Drafts

**USEFUL  
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-  General information or notation is provided, clarifying overall changes to the text.
-  Policy language was added to ensure consistency with changes in law at the State/Federal level.
-  Language was streamlined or condensed for readability or clarity.
-  Text was added as a result of the City's study of Racially Disparate Impacts and Displacement.
-  A new Goal or Policy was added, not sourced from the currently adopted plan.
-  A policy or text was added as recommended by the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB).
-  Multiple Policies from the currently adopted plan were combined into one, usually done to eliminate redundant language.
-  A goal or policy was removed or moved to another chapter. These are listed at the end of each chapter and include a reason.





# Climate Planning Integration



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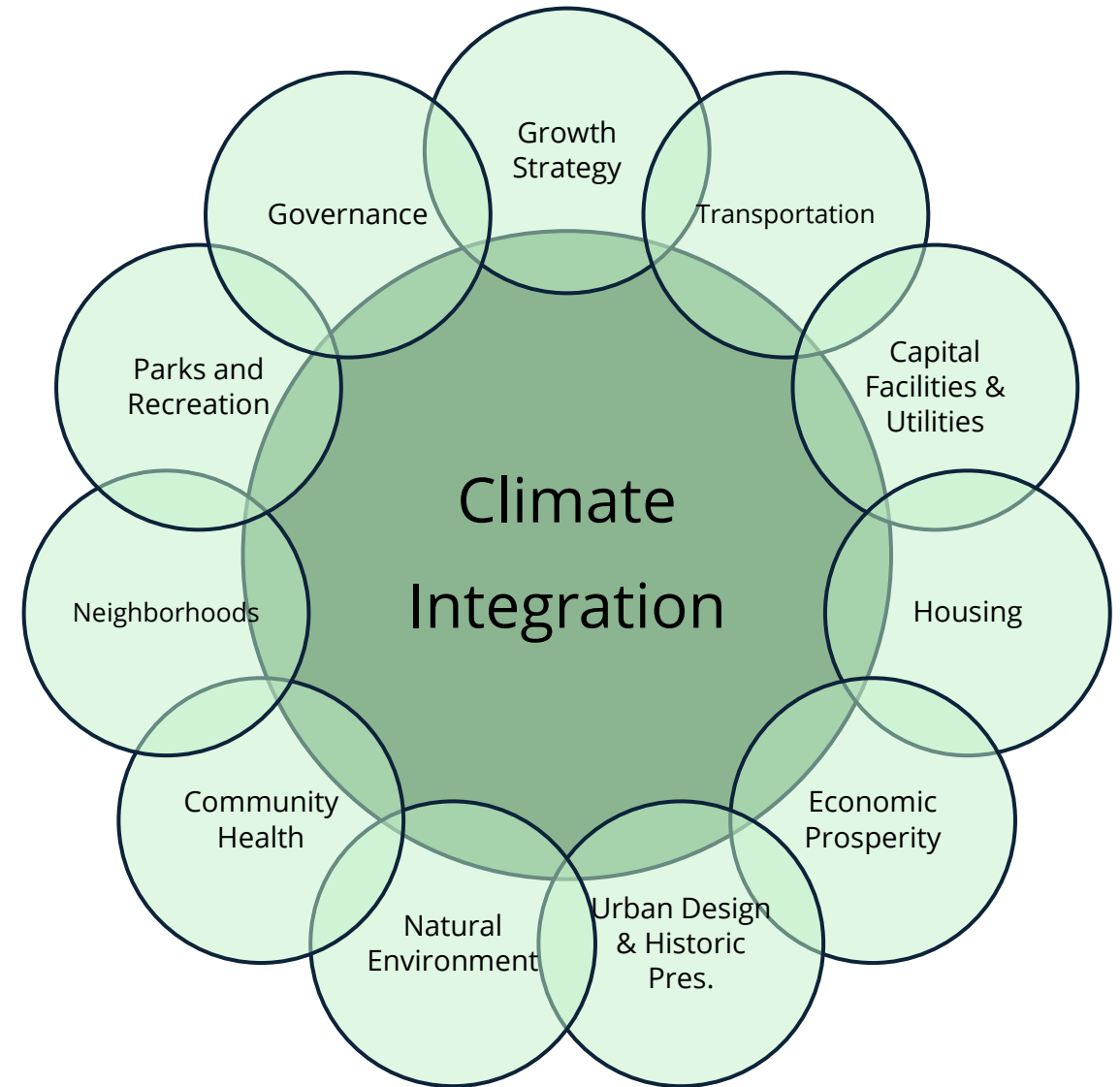
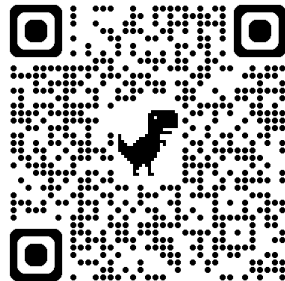
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# Climate Planning

- Climate and resiliency planning initiated to meet HB 1181
- Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB) developed and recommended policies




More information can  
be found at  
[my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning](https://my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning)



# Recommended Policies

**66**  
**Recommended**  
**Primary Policies**  
 (75 in total)

*Some policies were consolidated or otherwise modified through Plan Commission subcommittee and other work, with icons and notes providing more information*

 A policy or text was added as recommended by the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board (CRSB).

Sector	Recommended Policies
Agriculture & Food Systems	5
Buildings & Energy	5
Cultural & Historic Resources	4
Economic Development	4
Ecosystems	5
Emergency Management	9
Health & Well-being	6
Land Use/Zoning	7
Transportation	5
Waste Management	6
Water Resources	10



# Environmental Justice (EJ) Review



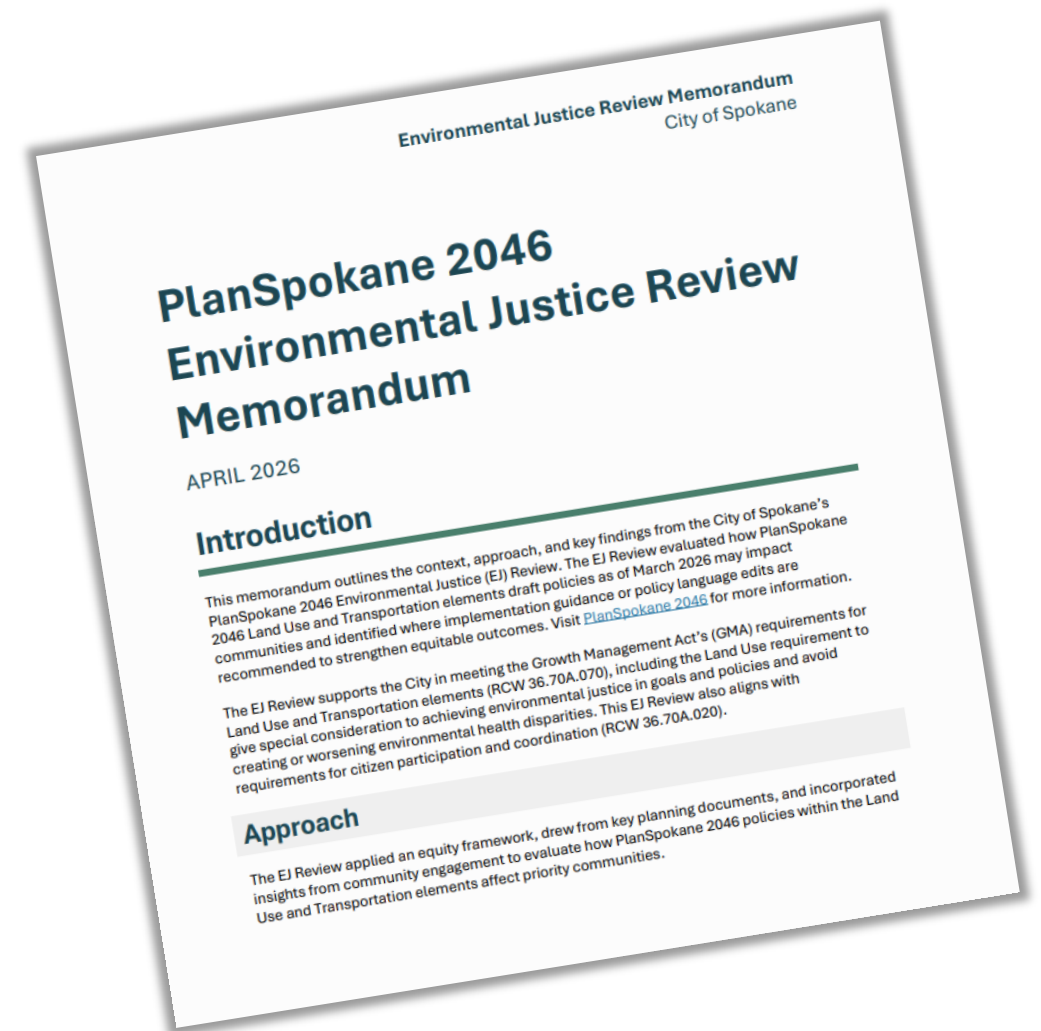
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# EJ Review Memo

- Evaluated how the Land Use\* and Transportation draft policies may impact communities
- Identified where implementation guidance or policy language edits are recommended to strengthen equitable outcomes

\*EJ Review based on March 2026 drafts, Land Use Chapter is now called Growth Strategy



Full memo can be found at [my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning](https://my.spokanecity.org/climateplanning)



# EJ Review Memo

## Policy Review

- **3 policies were rated as negative**, meaning they may create/maintain inequities without clear safeguards in place
  - Primarily policies related to fees and costs, with **policy language updated** to address considerations to be made for implementation
- **16 policies were rated as neutral**, meaning their equity impacts are unclear, indirect, or dependent on implementation details
- **39 policies were rated as positive**, meaning they are likely to advance equity or provide meaningful benefits to priority communities

## Implementation Considerations

1. **Embed Anti-Displacement Protection** in Growth and Redevelopment Implementation
2. **Prioritize Infrastructure Investments** to Advance Environmental Justice
3. **Reduce Disproportionate Cost Burdens**
4. **Strengthen Inclusive and Ongoing Community Engagement** in Decision-Making
5. **Coordinate Land Use and Transportation Planning** to Avoid Shifting Burdens





# Next Steps



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# Chapter Review Next Steps



## Public Comments

- Members of the public can submit comments at any time to [PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org](mailto:PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org)
  - **Please reference Chapter and Goal/Policy as applicable**
- Public feedback will be integrated as the Chapters continue to be updated

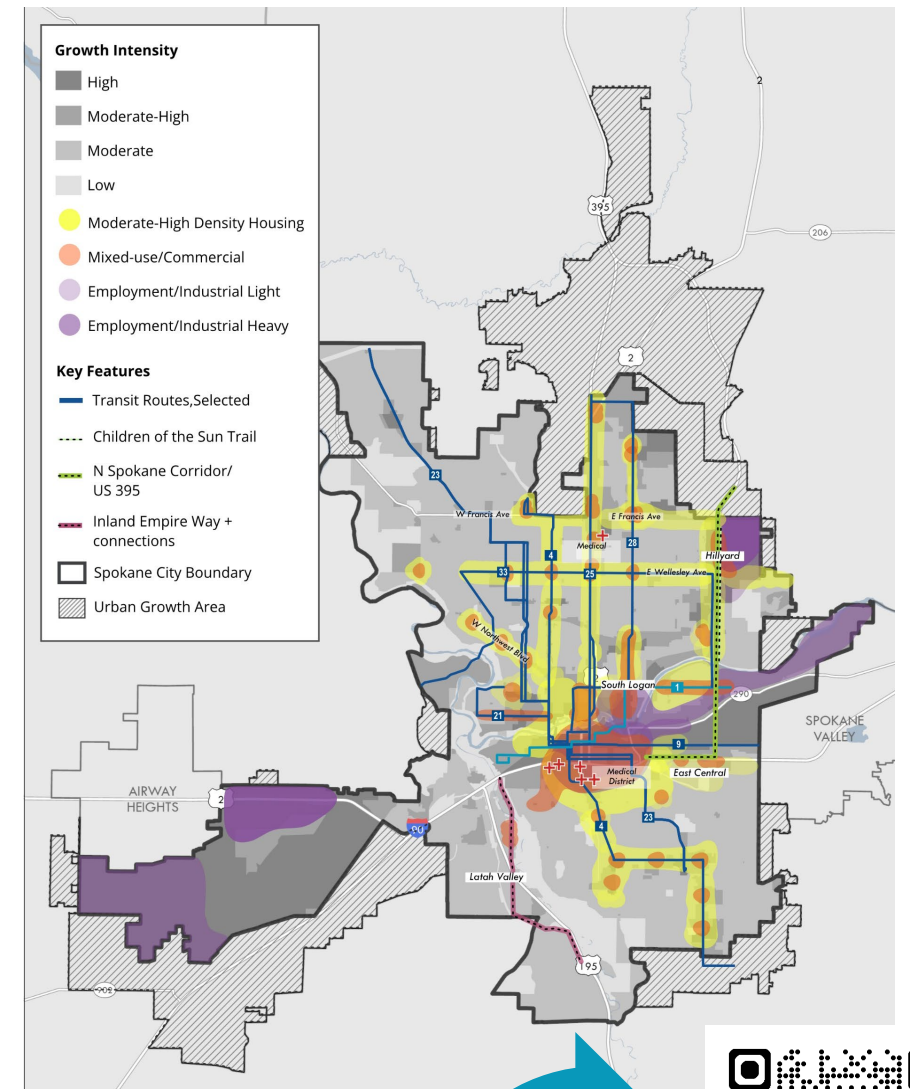
## July Release

- A second mid-summer release is tentatively scheduled for mid/end July, initiating a **formal** public and agency comment period
- This update will include maps (such as the Future Land Use Map) and appendices



# Upcoming Next Steps

- A **Future Land Use Map** is currently being developed based on the selected Preferred Alternative
  - The Future Land Use Map generally identifies what types of uses are appropriate where, with the Spokane Municipal Code providing more specific zoning regulations.
- **Targeted outreach and engagement** will occur later this summer with shared maps and opportunities to provide feedback
- A **Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** will be completed and respond to Draft EIS comments
- City Council is scheduled to make decisions on the all aspects of PlanSpokane 2046 **by the end of year!**



Preferred Alternative approved by City Council on May 18. View the Preferred Alternative maps on the PlanSpokane 2046 Interactive StoryMap



# City of Spokane – Stay Informed



[PlanSpokane.org](https://PlanSpokane.org)

EngagementHQ webpage



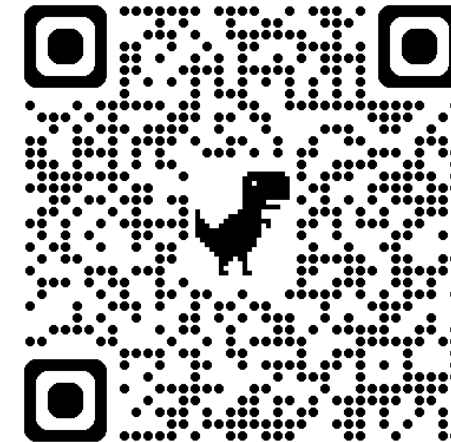
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