



Chapter 11 - Neighborhoods

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Purpose

The purpose of the Neighborhoods Chapter is to:

- Provide a framework for recognizing and protecting the unique character and features of each of the City's neighborhoods.
- Connect the policies and programs of the City to a neighborhood scale.
- Celebrate and protect the differences between each neighborhood and the role such diversity plays in the residents' quality of life.

What values guided the Neighborhoods chapter?

The values that are important to Spokane's future, as identified by the Citizens during preparation of the original Comprehensive Plan remain. Those include:

- Preserving or enhancing older neighborhoods that make Spokane unique.
- Developing new neighborhoods that have individual character and identity.
- Encouraging the development of neighborhoods that feel like small towns, that provide a variety of compatible services, and that have schools and community centers.
- Preserving or enhancing inner city neighborhoods.
- Recognizing downtown Spokane as a mixed-use neighborhood with a diversity of housing.
- Ensuring safe, relaxing, attractive, livable, enjoyable, economically diverse neighborhoods.

What's New?

- This chapter was reviewed and edited by a Policy Focus Group for readability and redundancy.
- A new policy related to Neighborhood Quality of Life was added.
- Five policies were removed because they are already addressed by other chapters.



What are the goals of the Neighborhoods chapter?

N 1 The Downtown Neighborhood

Recognize downtown Spokane as the primary economic and cultural center of the region and improve its viability as a desirable neighborhood in which to live and conduct business.

N 2 Neighborhood Development

Reinforce the stability and diversity of the city's neighborhoods in order to attract long-term residents and businesses and to ensure the city's residential quality, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.

N 3 Neighborhood Facilities

Maximize the usefulness of existing neighborhood facilities and services while minimizing the impacts of major facilities located within neighborhoods.

N 4 Traffic And Circulation

Provide Spokane residents with clean air, safe streets, and quiet, peaceful living environments by reducing the volume of automobile traffic passing through neighborhoods and promoting alternative modes of circulation.

N 5 Open Space

Increase the number of open gathering spaces, greenbelts, trails, and pedestrian bridges within and/or between neighborhoods.

N 6 The Environment

Protect and enhance the natural and built environment within neighborhoods.

N 7 Social Conditions

Promote efforts that provide neighborhoods with social amenities and interaction and a sense of community.

N 8 Neighborhood Planning Process

Ensure a sense of identity and belonging for each neighborhood throughout the city and the city's Urban Growth Area through a neighborhood planning process that is all-inclusive, maintains the integrity of neighborhoods, implements the comprehensive plan, and empowers neighborhoods in their decision-making.



Neighborhood Profiles are Here!

As part of the preparation of Shaping Spokane, the City and the Neighborhoods cooperated to create a Neighborhood Profile for each of the City's 28 neighborhoods. Each profile highlights and celebrates what makes each neighborhood special and unique. Also provided is a history for each Neighborhood and a useful map showing major features.

These will be included as an appendix in the Comprehensive Plan and they've already been distributed online to each of the Neighborhood Councils. All of the Neighborhood Profiles are available on:

www.shapingspokane.org



Policy Focus Group

The Neighborhoods chapter was one of several chapters that was reviewed by a Policy Focus Group of local residents, agency representatives, and City representatives. Each Focus Group reviewed the entire chapter and provided suggested edits, additions, and deletions - giving overall guidance to the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Policy Focus Group for Chapter 11 included the following members:

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