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The Building of Minneapolis Celebrated at City Hall

Come find out how the city was built and what's ahead for the future

WHAT: The City of Minneapolis is hosting an open house to celebrate the history of the planning of the city and how growth will be supported in the future. The celebration coincides with National Planning Month.

The theme for this year's National Community Planning Month is Community Sustainability. From the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan, *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*, to planning for effective and connected modes of transportation, and from green roofs to rain gardens to control storm water runoff, the City has a long legacy of planning for its sustainable growth.

The open house will feature displays on the history of planning in Minneapolis. Attendees can view old plans and maps and see how the landscape of the city has changed over the past 150 years. Participants can also interact with staff to learn more about how projects are reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Code, and why this review is important to guiding growth and development. The spectrum of how planning touches life in Minneapolis concludes with a look to the future of our city. What forces will shape its growth looking ahead to 2030 and how we are preparing for that now?

The public attending the open house can gain insights into these topics and have some fun along the way. There will be a scavenger hunt, a drawing for fun prizes, treats, and the opportunity meet the City's professional planning staff.

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Rotunda, Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South Fifth Street

MORE: Learn more about current planning projects and activities underway and to review the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan at this web site:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning-zoning.asp>.

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