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# News Release

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## City of Minneapolis and Linden Hills Neighborhood Council invite public input on planning process for the neighborhood

September 7, 2012 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The City of Minneapolis, the Linden Hills Small Area Plan Steering Committee and the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) invite the public to an open house on the development of a small area plan for portions of Linden Hills.

The open house will be held Sunday, September 23, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Linden Hills Recreation Center, 3100 43rd St. W, in Minneapolis.

The purpose of the open house will be to provide information on the small area plan process, the need for a small area plan in Linden Hills, solicit community input on whether the small area planning process should move forward and whether to reallocate Linden Hills Neighborhood Council funds to finance the development of the plan. Topics to be covered include:

- What is a small area plan and what is the process to develop the plan?
- What is the need for a small area plan in Linden Hills?
- What is the proposed scope of the plan?
- What are the roles of the City, LHiNC, the small area plan steering committee and the public?
- What is the estimated cost of the plan? What LHiNC funds could be used or reallocated to finance the development of the plan? What would be the impact of reallocating these funds?

### **What is a Small Area Plan?**

A small area plan is a plan that is developed for a clearly delineated area and gives more detailed recommendations than would be provided in the City's comprehensive plan. A small area plan does not function to replace the comprehensive plan but rather serves

to augment it. It builds on the goals, policies and implementation steps in the comprehensive plan to provide a finer level of detail.

A small area plan is a document that outlines a long-range vision of typically 15 to 20 years for land use and development in the subject area. The plan examines the current conditions of the area, develops a future vision of what residents and business representatives want the neighborhood or area to become and then formulates specific goals, objectives, and policies or projects to implement that vision.

### **Background on a Small Area Plan in Linden Hills**

In March 2012 the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHiNC) started the process to develop a small area plan as a tool to better inform planning issues in the neighborhood. Between May and July 2012 LHiNC went through a public process to form a steering committee for the small area plan and since July, the City of Minneapolis and the steering committee have been working together to develop a scope.

More information on the efforts to develop a small area plan for Linden Hills can be found online at:

[http://www.lindenhills.org/whatwedo/committees\\_steering.php](http://www.lindenhills.org/whatwedo/committees_steering.php)

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