

Why Plan?

We have inherited a world that is filled with richness and wonder. We desire to pass one on that is even better.

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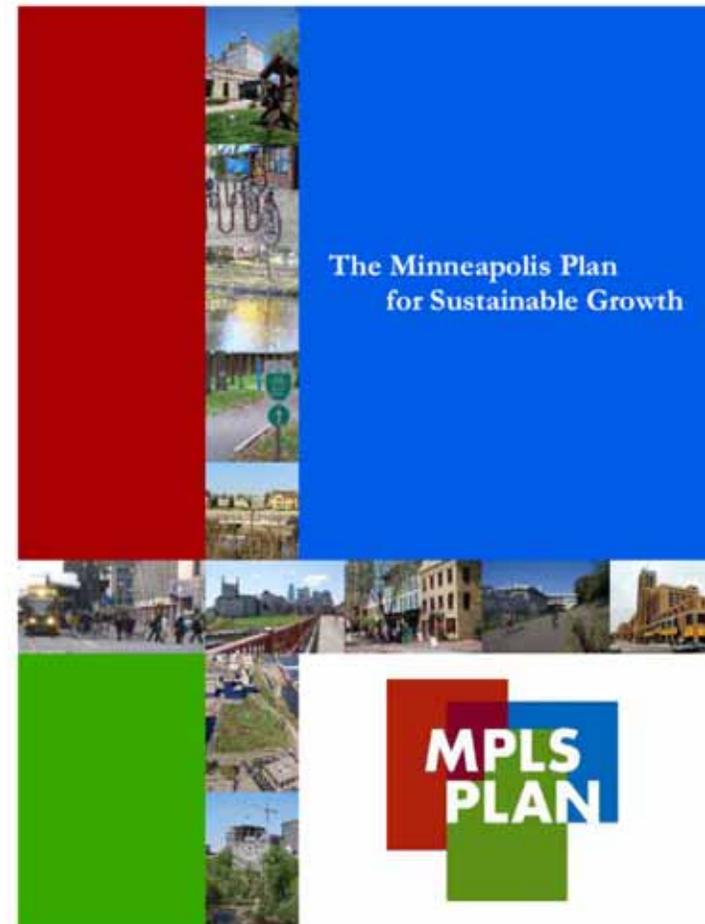
Few things happen by chance.

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We do not know the names of those whose dreams and ideas have shaped our communities. Future generations will not remember ours. But they will know all about us by the places we leave them.

Policy Guidance - Citywide

- **Comprehensive plan** for the City of Minneapolis
- **Legally required** per state statute and Metropolitan Council regulation
- Provides **long range, policy guidance** for City
- Guides **planning, zoning,** and development decisions
- Includes 10 topical chapters



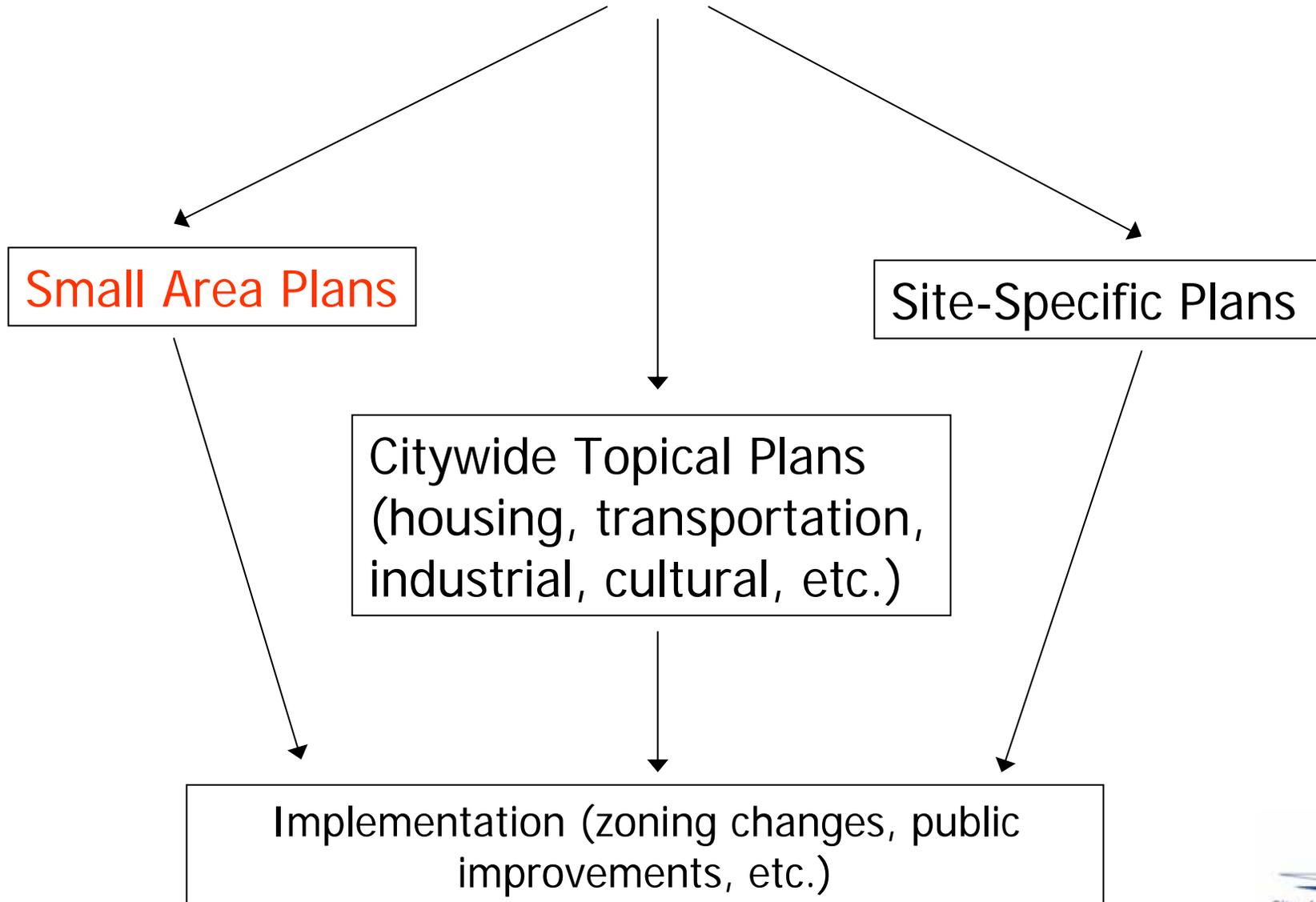
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What is it used for?

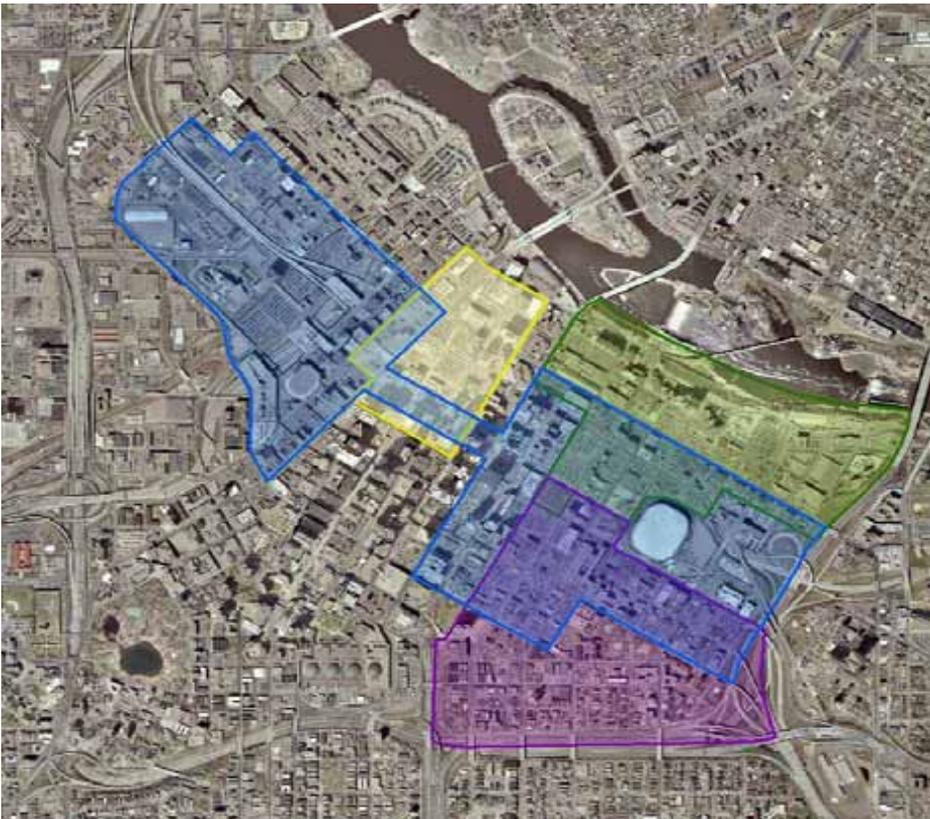
- Designing **policies** and programs
- Developing and adopting **other plans**
- Reviewing **site plans** and land-use applications
- Reviewing and approving **public land sales**
- Planning **capital improvement** projects
- Determining priorities for **public financing**



The Minneapolis Plan

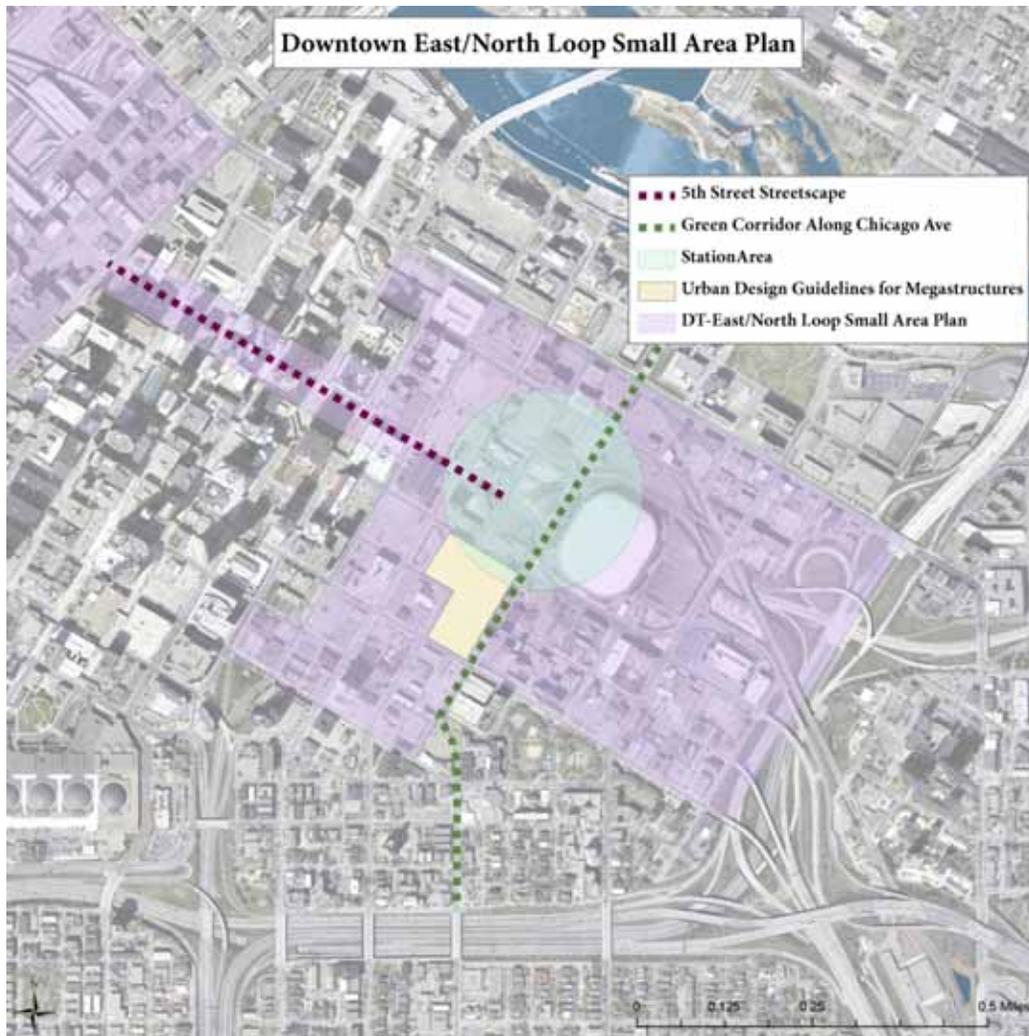


Policy Guidance – Small Area Plan



- Guides land use changes and public investments for the next 15-20 years.
- Examines current conditions (e.g. zoning, demographics, transportation issues, economic issues)
- Develops vision among stakeholders
- Creates goals, objectives, and policies to help implement vision

Downtown East/North Loop Master Plan



- Promote downtown living by forging Complete Communities
- Promote pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, street-facing retail, transit nodes, and neighborhood services
- Provide connections to parks, plazas, skyway stair towers, and rail transit stations.
- Mitigate effects of megastructures on livability
- Focus significant public realm infrastructure on Chicago and 5th Street

Historic Mills District Master Plan Update



- Complete riverfront park and trails
- Provide better street and visual connections from the river to downtown
- Preserve and celebrate riverfront historic sites
- Improve pedestrian access across Washington Ave
- Create multi-purpose parking
- Create commercial nodes along Washington with a focus on the intersection with Chicago

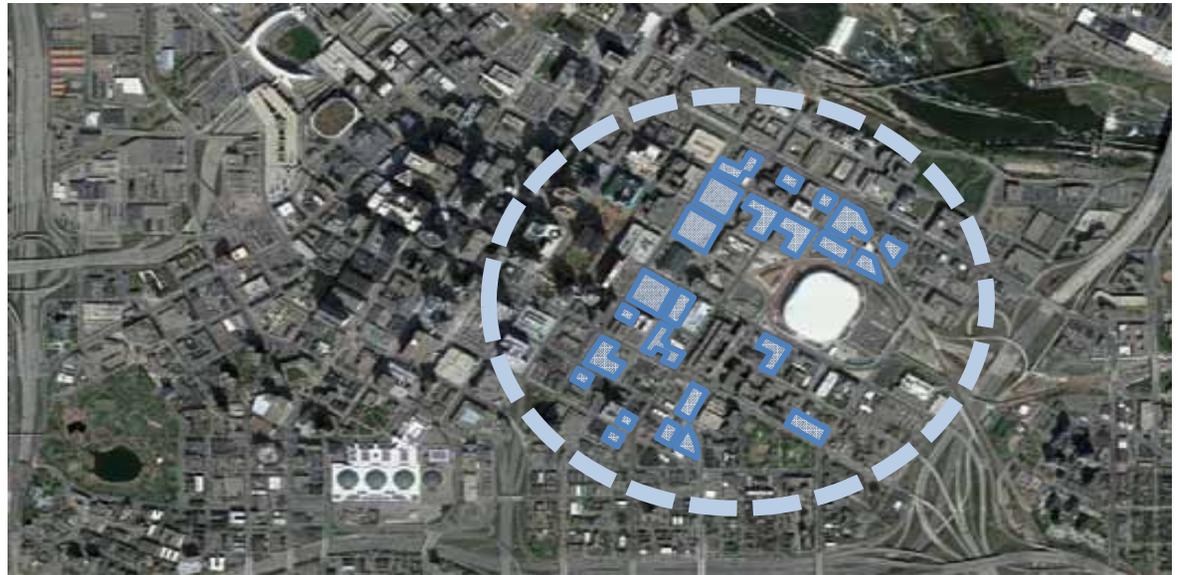
Elliot Park Neighborhood Master Plan



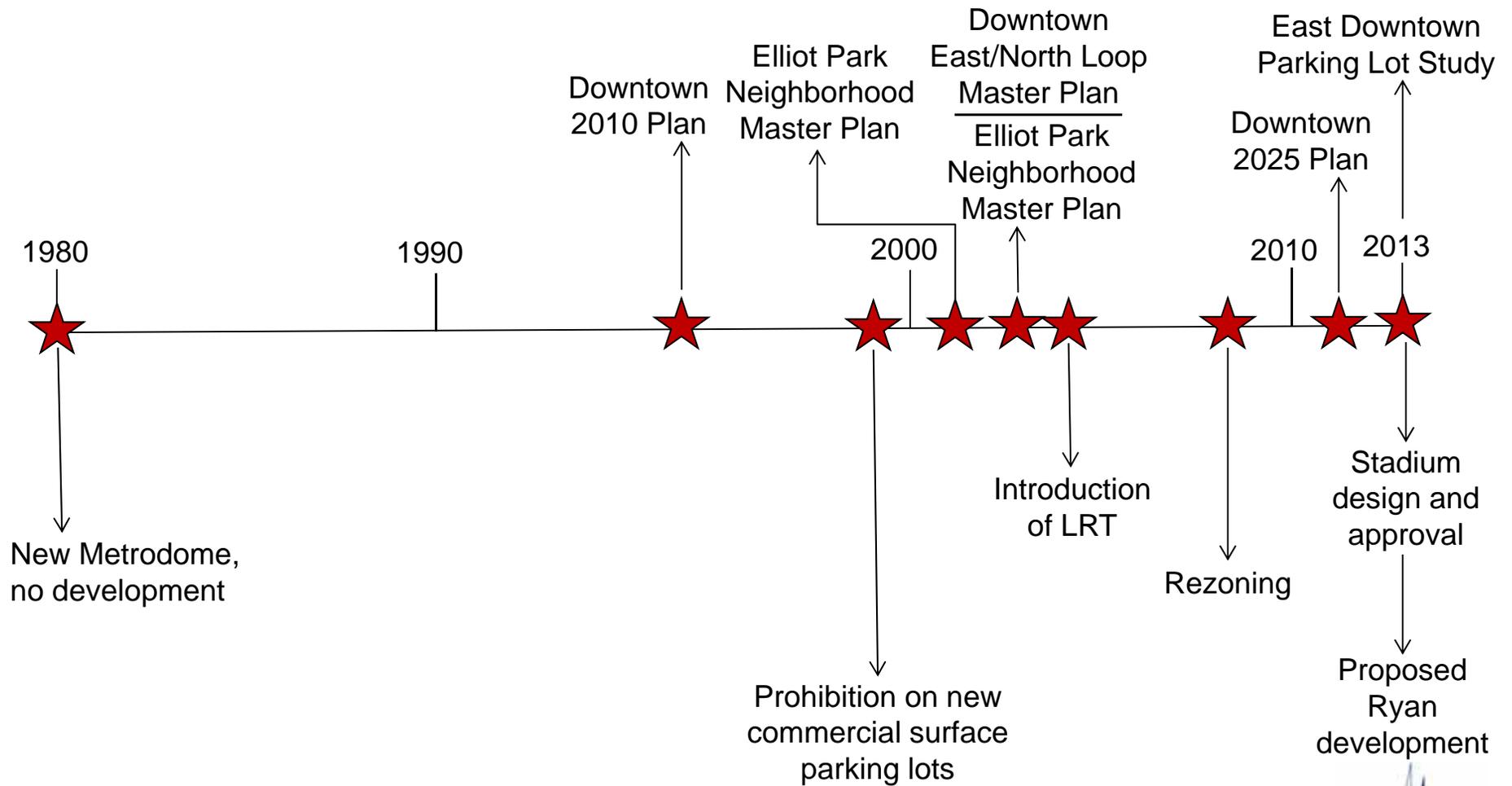
- Foster sense of place and community
- Invest in public realm
- Broaden mix of uses
- Improve connectivity
- Preserve and enhance heritage resources
- Respect architectural form, scale and context
- Support 'greening' as major component of development
- Balance economic vitality with quality of life
- Reinforce safe environments
- Promote sustainable neighborhood development strategies

Making Plans a Reality

- Eliminating surface parking
- Focusing on public realm improvements
- Reducing demand for parking through transit improvements



How Did We Get Here



Where Are We Now

- East Downtown Parking Lot Study
- Real estate strategy
- Ryan development proposal
- Park Committee
- Small area plan update
- DNR Rulemaking

