

- To maintain a strong and diverse economy and to provide a business climate that retains and attracts locally owned companies, as well as internationally recognized corporations.
- To provide opportunities to live a healthy lifestyle, enjoy a variety of community gathering places and celebrate diverse cultural opportunities.
- To provide convenient, safe and environmentally friendly transportation connections within Redmond and between Redmond and other communities for people and goods.
- To cultivate a well-connected community, working together and with others in the region to implement a common vision for Redmond's sustainable future.

B. Our Future Vision for Redmond in 2030

What would Redmond be like as a place to live, work or visit if the community's values and preferences were achieved? The vision statement describes Redmond in the year 2030 if the Comprehensive Plan were implemented.

Community Vision Statement

In 2030 Redmond citizens describe their community as one that is complete, offering a wide range of services, opportunities, and amenities. It's a community that has acted to maintain a balance among the three pillars of sustainability, while accommodating growth and change. As a result, Redmond's high quality of life, cherished natural features, distinct places, and character are enhanced. The community's evolution has successfully woven the small town feel of older, established neighborhoods with the energy and vitality of Redmond's urban centers. The result is a place where people are friendly, often meet others they know and feel comfortable and connected. It is a place where diversity and innovation are embraced, and action is taken to achieve community objectives. It's a place that is home to people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, which contribute to the richness of the city's culture.

Achieving a balance between accommodating growth and preserving Redmond's unique features and livability was challenging, but over the past 20 years through the clear, shared direction contained in the Comprehensive Plan, the vision has taken shape and throughout Redmond the results are apparent.

In 2030 Redmond's two urban centers—Downtown and Overlake—are thriving centers of residential and commercial activity. Downtown is an outstanding place to work, shop, live and recreate and is a destination for many in Redmond and in the region. Attractive offices, stores, services, and residential developments have contributed to a new level of vibrancy, while retaining a comfortable, connected feel that appeals to residents, business and visitors. Many more people live Downtown, and housing choices include a wide range of pricing options. Strategic public and private investments have created a true multidimensional urban center with several new and expanded public amenities, including the City Hall campus, Downtown Central Park and the Redmond Central Connector, that are gathering places for the community; an arts and community cultural center; a pedestrian connection to Marymoor Park; a vibrant Saturday market and a variety of quality arts and cultural programs and performances.

Various portions of Downtown have their own identities, design and appeal, and it is easy to walk, bicycle, use transit or drive between them as well as to the rest of Redmond and the region. Many visitors walk or take transit to get to their destinations or park in one of the conveniently located garages. The congestion of 20 years ago has been tempered primarily by providing convenient and effective transportation alternatives together with improved operations and then increased capacity in strategic locations, such as SR 520 and important connections in the street grid.

Old Town thrives as a focus for retail activity that attracts pedestrians, providing a distinctive selection of stores, restaurants, boutiques and theaters, as well as varied housing opportunities. The Historic Core, centered along Leary Way and the City's first business district, provides a unique opportunity to engage with Redmond's history. Within the Core area, New buildings blend with historic and refurbished buildings, retaining the area's historic character and providing a vibrant place for long-

standing and new businesses, side-by-side. Cleveland Street is a pleasant place to walk or sit, and people fill the street during the day and evening. The Redmond Central Connector (the former railroad right-of-way) has been transformed

Housing

- FW-16** Create opportunities for the market to provide a diversity of housing types, sizes, densities and prices in Redmond to serve all economic segments and household types, including those with special needs related to age, health or disability.
- FW-17** Encourage a housing supply in Redmond and nearby communities that enables more people to live closer to work, reduce commuting needs, and participate more fully in the community.

Economic Vitality

- FW-18** Support sustainable and environmentally sound economic growth with appropriate land use regulations and infrastructure investments.
- FW-19** Encourage a strong and diverse economy and tax base that provide a variety of job opportunities, support the provision of excellent local services and public education, and keep pace with economic and demographic changes.
- FW-20** Cultivate and enhance a broad variety of retail and service business choices that meet the needs of the greater Redmond community.

Neighborhoods

- FW-21** Strengthen ongoing dialogue between each neighborhood and City officials.
- FW-22** Make each neighborhood a better place to live or work by preserving and fostering each neighborhood's

unique character and preparation for a sustainable future, while providing for compatible growth in residences and other land uses, such as businesses, services or parks.

Downtown

- FW-23** Promote an economically healthy Downtown that is unique, attractive and offers a variety of retail, office, service, residential, cultural, and recreational opportunities.
- FW-24** Nurture a Downtown Redmond that reflects the city's history, provides a comfortable atmosphere, preserves its natural setting, integrates urban park-like qualities, and serves as the primary community gathering place and entertainment and cultural destination for the greater Redmond area.
- FW-25** Enhance the pedestrian ambiance of Downtown through public and private collaboration and investments.
- FW-26** Foster Old Town, including the Historic Core, as a destination that has retained its historic identity and traditional downtown character; ensure that it is linked through attractive pedestrian connections to the rest of Downtown and provides an inviting atmosphere in which to shop, stroll or sit during the day and evening.

Overlake

- FW-27** Support Overlake as a focus for high technology and other employment located within

for extensive pedestrian-oriented retail activity, comparison shopping, entertainment and residences: Old Town and Town Center. The two zones are adjacent and will be linked through pedestrian and bicycle connections and visual features via connections across the Redmond Central Connector. The block faces of the streets and intersections in these zones will be lined with continuous storefronts and entries to enliven the pedestrian experience of these two areas.

Old Town

The Old Town zone incorporates the original Downtown and includes a number of historic structures. Residents have repeatedly stated that they value the traditional Downtown character and historic structures. Policies for this zone address how to retain that character, as well as allowing for future change.

DT-25 Ensure that development and redevelopment in Old Town retain this area's historic village character and complement the character and scale of existing historic buildings. Maintain height limits appropriate to this character and the pedestrian environment.

DT-26 Encourage retention of historic buildings that define the character of Old Town through programs and administrative practices that encourage preservation and reinvestment.

DT-## Maintain a plan for the Historic Core that:

- **Guides design standards for development in the Historic Core to complement the historic character while not encouraging a false sense of history;**
- **Provides an implementation strategy for supporting and increasing economic vibrancy for Old Town;**

and

- **Guides engagement with business proprietors, property owners, community and OneRedmond.**

DT-27 Actively support economic development measures that retain and promote existing businesses and attract new businesses compatible with the scale and vision for Old Town. Encourage a variety of economic activities, such as boutiques, ~~and other unique stores,~~ restaurants, residences and offices, that promote Old Town as a **unique and historic** destination and provide for active uses during the day and evening hours.

DT-28 Maintain and enhance the traditional Downtown “main street” character, which includes continuous pedestrian-oriented storefronts and pedestrian-scaled streetscapes, through specific attention to architectural detail, components of the streetscape, such as seating, awnings and landscaping and the relationships between them.

DT-29 Enhance Old Town’s pedestrian activity, safety and historic character by:

- Avoiding four-lane arterials through Old Town and developing vehicle routes that reduce the negative effects of through traffic,
- Developing and implementing traffic-calming designs that maintain and enhance this zone as a pedestrian-friendly place,
- Encouraging structured parking within or adjacent to Old Town and requiring that structured parking within the zone be designed to either blend with the historic character or be hidden, and
- Discouraging on-site parking next to the sidewalk edge and providing landscaping.

to buffer on-site parking from the pedestrian realm.

DT-30 Encourage the retention and addition of afternoon and evening entertainment, such as live theater and comedy, dining, dancing and live music, to provide these entertainment opportunities close to home for the greater Redmond community.

Town Center

Town Center is one of the city’s primary gathering places. Its mix of shops and restaurants, offices, hotel rooms, and eventually residences in the heart of the city brings people together during the day and evenings for planned or casual meetings. The design of the buildings, street patterns, and public plazas are modern yet reflect the character of historic properties in adjacent Old Town. Improvements in walking connections between the two zones will

Green Building (also known as Green Construction or Sustainable Building)

A structure and use process that is environmentally responsible and resource efficient throughout a building's life cycle: from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and demolition. Green buildings are designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on human health and the natural environment by efficiently using energy, water, and other resources; protecting occupant health and improving employee productivity; and reducing waste, pollution, and environmental degradation.

Green Roof

A bioretention strategy of storing, evaporating, and transpiring stormwater as part of a roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation and a growing medium, planted over a waterproofing membrane. It may also include additional layers, such as a root barrier and drainage and irrigation systems.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

A gas is an atmosphere that absorbs and emits radiation within the thermal infrared range and affects the temperature of the earth. Primary greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere are water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone. At present, the two primary sources of carbon dioxide emissions are from burning coal used for electricity generation and petroleum used for motor transport.

Greywater

Wastewater generated from domestic activities, such as bathing, laundry, and dishwashing, which can be recycled on site for uses such as landscape irrigation. It is not water that has come in contact with human waste.

Gross Floor Area (GFA)

The area included within the surrounding exterior walls of a building or portion thereof, exclusive of vent shafts, elevator shafts, stairwells, courts, second story atriums, and lobbies.

Gross Site Area

Gross site area is that area within the boundaries of a given lot. Gross site area does not include the area of any abutting streets or access ways.

Growth Management Act (GMA)

A Washington State law requiring urban counties and the cities within them to develop comprehensive plans to address growth and the impacts of growth over a 20-year planning horizon. The GMA was enacted in 1990, amended in succeeding years, and is codified at RCW 36.70A and other chapters.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

The body of comprised city and county representatives and created through an interlocal agreement by most of the cities in King County and the County to undertake interjurisdictional planning under the Growth Management Act or its successor.

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)

Generally, a vehicle carrying more than one person, including a carpool, vanpool, or bus.

High Resource Value

Environmental designation to indicate Type I, II or III wetlands; Class I, II and III streams; land or water that supports a priority species or habitat; land or water that is needed to maintain the functioning of an important environmental or ecological function, or land that is primarily made up of Class II and III agricultural soils.

Historic Landmark (or Landmark)

~~A physical property that has been formally designated and listed on a register of historic places by an agency of government in a process defined by the laws, policies, and procedures adopted by a particular governmental agency, including local, regional, state, and federal agencies. A landmark can be a building, a structure, a site (including an archaeological site), a district with a number of buildings, or an object such as a ship or a railway locomotive. A site or structure which has been designated under RZC 21.30, Historic and Archeological Resources, as a historic landmark and is listed on the Redmond Heritage Resource Register.~~

Historic Property (or Historic)

Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion on the local, regional, state or national register.