

# 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

## 1/8/24 Steering Committee Meeting

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**Lakewood**

2024 Periodic Review

2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review: What is it?

[State law](#) requires many cities, including Lakewood, to complete a periodic review every 10 years of their entire [Comprehensive Plan](#) and [development regulations](#), including regulations for [critical areas and natural resource lands](#).

Lakewood must complete this review by December 31, 2024 a 5-year Implementation Report by 12/31/29, and then the next 10-year review by 12/31/34.

The Comprehensive Plan and development regulations must be up-to-date with the requirements of the Growth Management Act to be eligible for grants and loans from certain state infrastructure programs.

<https://cityoflakewood.us/24periodicreview/>

2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

Welcome to the Lakewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review website. Check back here regularly for the latest information, events, and meetings for the process.

- Announcements
- 2024 Periodic Review
- Comprehensive Plan
- Housing Changes
- FAQs
- Email Updates

Announcements

**Allowing more ADUs on residential properties:** The state laws that passed in 2023 that allow more ADUs and housing units on residential lots will be part of Lakewood's 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review. **These changes to what you can develop on your property will not go into effect in Lakewood until December 31, 2024 at the earliest.** To keep track of how these new development options are being reviewed by Lakewood, please stay tuned here.

- 2023 & 2024 Public Meetings about Changes to Housing Rules In Lakewood
- View 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review Steering Committee Meetings
- View Planning Commission and City Council discussions of 2024 Periodic Review Process
- View Planning Partner discussions of 2024 Periodic Review Process

# Scope of Lakewood 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

- Review and update as needed all 11 current Comprehensive Plan Elements against current state law, regional policy (MPPs) and growth strategy, and countywide policy (CPPs) and growth targets;
- Reorganization of Comprehensive Plan into 15 Elements;
- Review and updated as needed all current Land Use and Critical Area Development Regulations;
- Updates to Land Use Zoning, Housing Element and Development Regulations in response to affordable housing, middle housing, and ADU requirements;



# Preparation of Initial Draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan

- Review of Short-Term Rental Regulations;
- Review of City Parking Policies and Regulations in light of new housing density rules;
- Review of 2018 Downtown Subarea Plan, Planned Action Ordinance, Transportation Mitigation Fee, and Development Regulations per:
  - established biennial process; and
  - affordable housing, middle housing, and ADU requirements
- Review of 2021 Station District Subarea Plan, Planned Action Ordinance, and Development Regulations per:
  - established biennial process; and
  - affordable housing, middle housing, and ADU requirements
- Significant Update of 2011 Tillicum Neighborhood Plan to 2024 Tillicum-Woodbrook Subarea Plan



# Planning Commission and City Council Meetings re 24CPPR

2023 Discussions focused on 24CPPR Issues at City Council  
and Planning Commission:

- 17 Planning Commission meetings
- 9 City Council meetings

**All meeting recordings and materials are available at  
<https://cityoflakewood.us/24periodicreview/>**

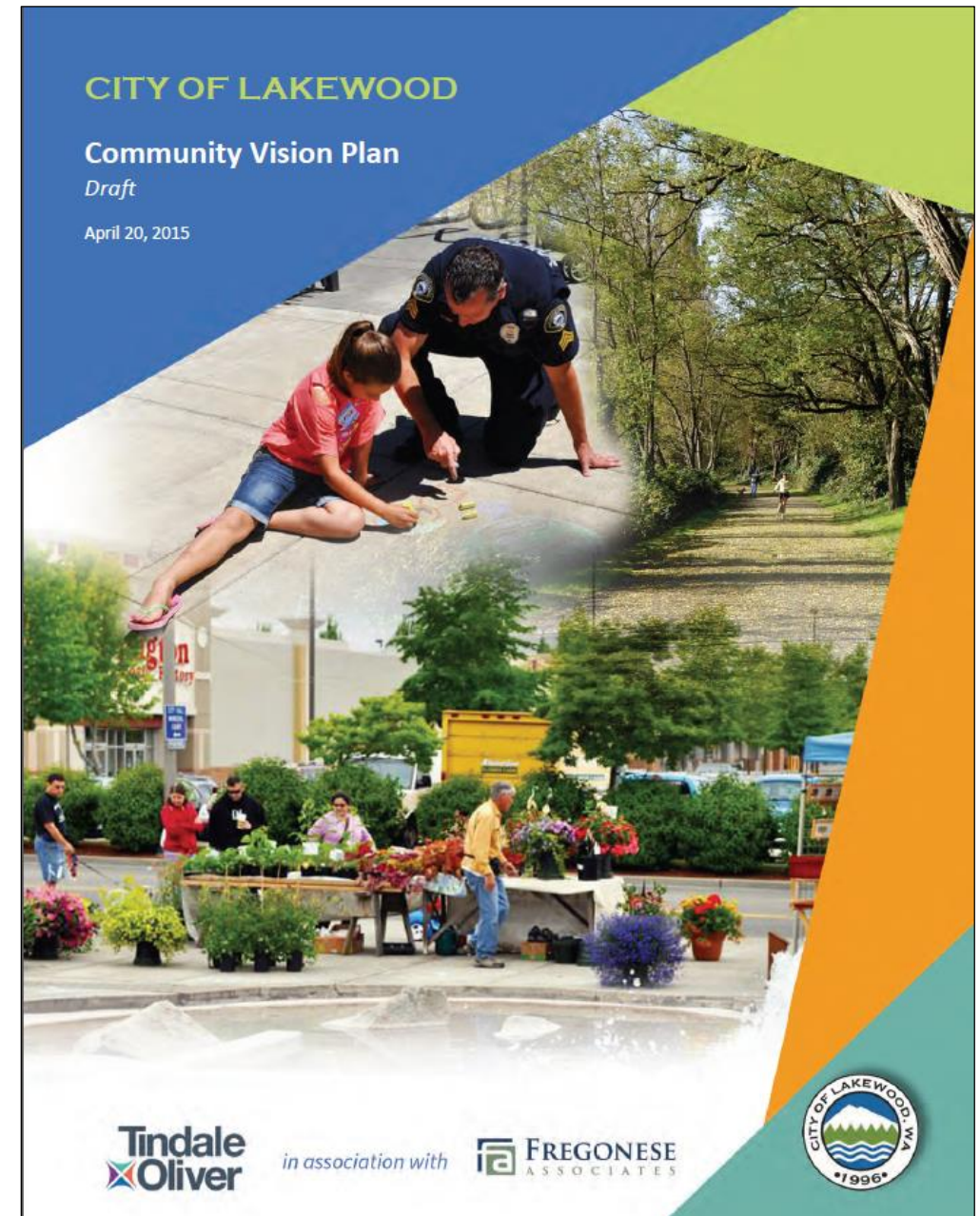


## Draft 2015 Community Vision Plan Excerpt

“A broad-based **community survey** was used to elicit input from the community on a wide variety of subjects. City staff and the consultant team hired for this project also reached out to a variety of **community groups and organizations** to gather information regarding the needs and desires of residents and other community members. This information was used to craft a vision statement, define a set of community values, and articulate a set of actions intended to further those values as the City moves into the future.

This document is intended to be the **beginning of an ongoing process within the community** to refine and adjust City policies and actions consistent with identified community values. Additionally, **it will be used to inform development of the City's Comprehensive Plan** and help shape the future of the City.

It is expected that **the City will revisit the document at appropriate intervals** and will consider future actions in relation to the values and goals expressed here. As the City moves forward, community values will be added, and that community actions will be identified that further the realization of those values.”



## 2015 Community Vision Plan Development Process

A 14-member Vision Committee was established to provide guidance in developing the Lakewood Community Vision Plan.

Committee members represented a wide variety of interests to ensure that all aspects of the Community Vision were adequately examined.

- Becky Newton, Manager, Lakewood Economic Development Department
- Catherine Rudolph, Government Affairs Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Association of Realtors
- Colonel Chuck Hodges, Installation Commander, Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Denise Yochum, President Pierce College - Fort Steilacoom
- Don Daniels, Chair, Planning Advisory Board
- Don MacSparran, Oakbrook resident
- Ed Brooks, Steilacoom Lake Improvement Club
- Jae Han, Local Business Owner (Boo Han Plaza)
- Jason Gerwin, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Jim Chaboneau, Chair, Redevelopment Advisory Board
- Jim Taylor, Member, Planning Advisory Board
- Kim Prentice, Community Relations Director, Clover Park School District
- Linda Smith, Executive Director, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
- Tim Puryear, Lakewood Industrial Park



Two important pieces of supporting documentation were developed for the 2015 Lakewood Community Vision Plan:

- The Community Profile, which was prepared early in the process including Lakewood's history and demographics, economy, and physical characteristics. This profile was used to identify the community's available resources, strengths, issues and opportunities.
- The Public Outreach and Scenario Planning document record all public outreach activities undertaken as part of the visioning process, including a community visioning workshop and scenario planning process.



### Community Survey Themes

#### **Assets:**

- quiet neighborhood
- close to retail/services & Towne Center
- retail choices
- good location in region
- proximity to I-5 and transit
- City services, leaders and communication
- diverse community
- parks & natural resources
- public safety
- proud of reduction in crime
- feels safe
- caring, close-knit community

#### **Areas to improve:**

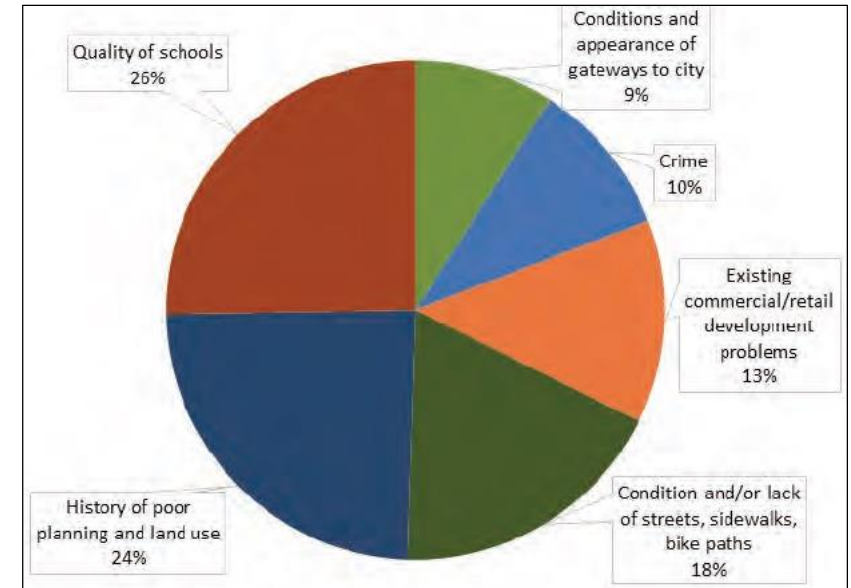
- lower crime in targeted areas
- clean up problem properties
- closer relationship with JBLM
- less multifamily/group housing
- attracting and retaining businesses (small, locally-owned)
- improve quality of primary schools
- more sidewalks
- better connectivity and safer bicycle lanes
- slow down speeders, traffic calming
- improve gateways to Lakewood
- expand business and restaurant choices



### **9/23/14 Community Workshop Themes (70 attendees)**

- Redeveloping the Towne Center to have a better mix of uses, including the addition of housing.
- Retaining existing and attracting new businesses.
- Locating jobs and households around the transit center and in areas served with good transit.
- Beautifying the gateways into the City.
- Making investments to improve the Bridgeport Way corridor from I-5 to the Towne Center.
- Balancing more single family homes with mixed-use housing.
- Improving and adding more sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and street lighting.
- Preserving the existing open space and parks.
- Identifying new trails and pathways better connecting the parks throughout the City.
- Targeting some of the older single family neighborhoods for upgrades and infill development.

### **“What is Lakewood’s Biggest Challenge?”**



## Welcome to Lakewood's Community Vision!

- Lakewood is a safe, culturally diverse, and beautiful city.
- As Lakewood grows, we will continue to be one of Washington's premier places to live, raise a family, and cultivate a business.
- Our picturesque parks, scenic lakes, protected open spaces, and abundant natural amenities make Lakewood the undiscovered gem of the Puget Sound region.
- Recognition for Lakewood lies in the outstanding K-12 and higher education institutions within our city and the core values our community is built upon, including family, service, community engagement, and protection of the natural environment.
- Active and on-going support for America's service members at Joint Base Lewis-McChord is an explicit mission of the city.
- Lakewood's strategic location, robust economy, high-quality public services, and parks and recreation facilities round out the reasons that the City of Lakewood is the perfect place to call home.



Lakewood's Community Vision is built around 5 core values in support of the Community Vision Statement (provided below). These values come directly from the input received during the outreach process and reflect the community's collective desire for the direction of Lakewood's future.



### Draft 2015 Community Vision Action Plan

Actions, partners, timeframes, and milestones were developed for efforts related to all identified Community Values

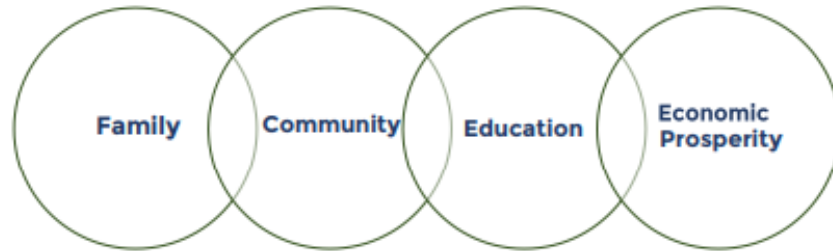
### COMMUNITY VALUE #1: FRIENDLY & WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Action	Description	Lead Partner/Potential Support Partners	1-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7+ yrs	Initial Steps/Milestones
<i>Strengthen connections among diverse community groups and with city government.</i>						
<b>1.1: Diversity &amp; equity ad hoc committee</b>	Constitute a diversity and equity ad hoc committee to determine the state of the city pertaining to issues of race and barriers to equal opportunities.	<b>Lead:</b> City of Lakewood <b>Support:</b> Community organizations that support Latino, Korean, and other minority communities in Lakewood; interested citizens	▷	⇒	⇒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a work plan for the ad hoc committee.</li> <li>Appoint ad hoc committee members.</li> </ul>
<b>1.2: Conduct Community Meetings</b>	The ad hoc committee holds community meetings with cultural leaders and citizens to understand specific issues facing minority persons in Lakewood.	<b>Lead:</b> City of Lakewood <b>Support:</b> Community organizations that support Latino, Korean, and other minority communities in Lakewood; interested citizens; Lakewood's Promise; Clover Park School District; Community Services Advisory Board	▷			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ad hoc committee conducts an initial meeting; reviews the work plan.</li> <li>Ad hoc committee conducts meetings throughout the community.</li> </ul>
<b>1.3: Strategic Plan</b>	Conduct a "unity retreat" & initiate a process to develop overarching strategies for the City.	<b>Lead:</b> City of Lakewood, Clover Park School District, Lakewood's Promise <b>Support:</b> Community organizations that support Latino, Korean, and other minority communities in Lakewood; interested citizens; Lakewood's Promise; Clover Park School District; Community Services Advisory Board	▷			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ad hoc committee advertises meeting; sets meeting agenda.</li> <li>Ad hoc committee prepares a final report to the City Council.</li> </ul>
▷ Anticipated Start      ● Currently underway      ⇒ Ongoing						



# CITY COUNCIL VISION 2026

Our VISION for **Lakewood** is a thriving, urban, South Puget Sound City, possessing the core values of:



We will advance these values by recognizing our past, taking action in the present, and pursuing a dynamic **future**.

## THE CITY COUNCIL'S VISION FOR LAKEWOOD AT ITS 30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY IS A COMMUNITY:



Inspired by its own sense of **HISTORY** and progress



Characterized by the beauty of its lakes, parks and natural **ENVIRONMENT**

Known for its safe and attractive neighborhoods, vibrant downtown, active arts and cultural **COMMUNITIES**



Sustained by robust **ECONOMIC GROWTH** and job creation



Acknowledged for excellence in the delivery of **MUNICIPAL SERVICES**



Recognized for the excellence of its public and private **SCHOOLS** and its community and technical colleges



Supportive of Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM), Camp Murray, **SERVICE MEMBERS** and their families

(Adopted October 19, 2015)



# City of Lakewood

## 2023 -2024 Strategic Plan

*Taking action in the **present**  
to pursue a dynamic **future**.*



## 2021 STATEMENT ON EQUITY BY THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

The Lakewood City Council acknowledges that equity is essential to a healthy community.

We are committed to identifying and eliminating systemic racism. We intend to lead by example in the advancement of equity and the deliberate practice of inclusion. The City Council commits to the following practices:

- Instilling equity as a priority of policy and the delivery of services.
- Enacting initiatives that support and celebrate the diversity of the community.
- **Ensuring equity in municipal planning.**
- Identifying and dismantling preconceived prejudices.
- Increasing sensitivity to social norms and cultural expectations.
- Pursuing justice and equity for all residents.

We recognize the critical role that city leaders have in removing barriers to opportunity. We recognize that systemic inequality has endured, but commit that it shall not persist. The City Council will not tolerate *intolerance*. It is unconscionable that some members of our community fall victim to acts of hate. Acts of hate based upon race, creed, ancestry, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or socioeconomic status are unwelcome in Lakewood, Washington.

The Lakewood Police Department shall be vigilant in its investigation and prosecution of crimes of hate. These intentional practices will inform our decision-making on policing, zoning, capital investment and all other matters of the City Council. Our objective is to create a more diverse, equitable and inclusive Lakewood community for all residents and we invite all Lakewood organizations and residents to join us in this effort.

(Adopted April 19th, 2021)



# 2024 Community Vision and City Council 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Development Process

Community Satisfaction Survey online now



What should the Lakewood City Council focus on as it sets goals and priorities for the coming years?

The City Council wants to hear from you.

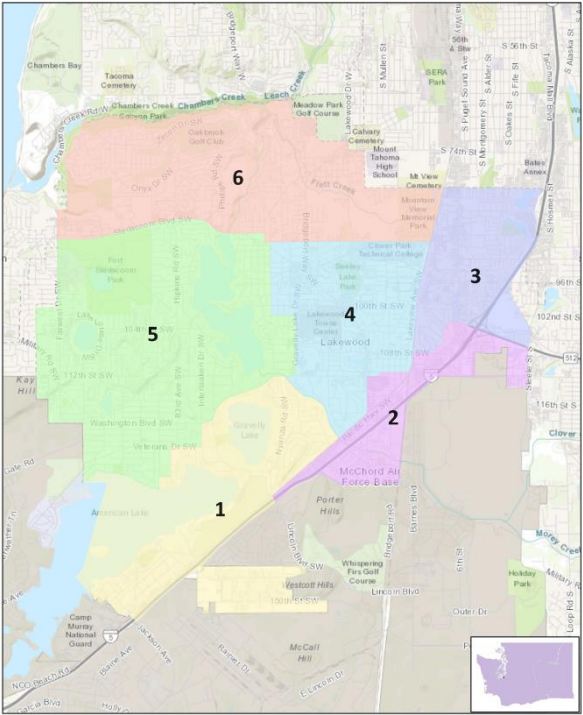
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## The City of Lakewood 2024 Community Survey - Open to All Residents

~15 min survey Expires on 01/08/2024

Thank you for participating in the City of Lakewood 2024 Community Survey! Please share this link with your friends and family to ensure participation by a wide variety of residents. Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared. Please note that once you have answered the questions, in order to submit your response you will be required to provide your email and zip code. This lets us be sure we are hearing from each person only once and see which respondents live inside or outside of the city. Additionally, the City hopes to continually engage with the community and periodically ask for your input on pressing topics, new ideas and initiatives, or other important issues.



## 2024 Community Vision and City Council 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Development Process

**January 8, 2024 Visioning workshop with  
2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review  
Steering Committee – that's YOU!**



# Thank you

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