



NewportFORWARD

Newport's 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update

As Newport continues to experience significant redevelopment, it is important that our comprehensive plan evolve and be updated to ensure it continues promoting a shared vision. In early 2020, Newport began updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, a process that will consist of many public meetings and allow for ample public input over the next year or so.

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is Newport's most important document regarding growth, development, and change. It establishes government policies to help guide public and private activities as they relate to land use, transportation, economic development and resource conservation. The Comprehensive Plan is the basis for land development regulations and decisions (rezonings, conditional use permits), capital improvements (parks, infrastructure), transportation, environmental and historic resource protection initiatives.

The City of Newport's last Comprehensive Plan update was completed in 2015. The update process will conform with all statutory requirements as outlined in Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) Chapter 100.

Importance of Public Engagement

The importance of public engagement in this process cannot be overstated. This 2020 Plan Update will be YOUR plan and must reflect the community's vision, goals, and priorities for the future. Every step of the update process relies on participation from Newport's diverse community in order to ensure that these needs, desires, and values are reflected in the Plan.

Why should I care?

The policies and implementation strategies in the Comprehensive Plan ultimately effect your day-to-day experience in the city. The plan provides guidance on improvements to future mobility and travel options, what new development should look like, priority locations for park improvements, and how we interact with our social, economic, and natural environments. Whether you love Newport just as it is, or feel we need change, sharing your voice during the Comprehensive Plan Update process is one of the most direct ways to influence the future of our community.

Who decides what goes into the Comprehensive Plan?

The policies and recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan Update will be based on input from a 25+ member Steering Committee comprised of Newport residents, business owners, and City officials, as well as from the community through online surveys, public forums, and community events. Working with CT Consultants and Human Nature, the Steering Committee will spend many hours during 2020 collecting and reviewing data, gathering comments from the community working to understand important issues and shared priorities, and developing updated strategies for the Comprehensive Plan.

City staff will post materials developed over the course of the planning project on the City's website and on the NewportFORWARD Facebook Group (on the City's Facebook page). **Check back often!**