

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

AN OVERVIEW OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Adopted in December of 2019, the City of Meridian's Comprehensive Plan integrates the concerns and expressions of the community into a document that guides the growth and development of the City. The [Comprehensive Plan](#) contains a [Future Land Use Map](#) (over) as well as goals, objectives, and actions items that relate to implementing the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is especially important when it comes to the review of development applications.

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Purpose

The purpose of the City of Meridian's Comprehensive Plan (Plan) is to integrate the values of the community into a document that guides the growth and development of the City. The Plan uses maps, tables, and narrative to describe the City, provide a vision of a desired future, and recommend specific policies and actions to reach that future.

The goal of the Comprehensive Plan is to create an effective vision and source document that the general public, developers, and decision makers can use to ensure Meridian is a premier place to live, work and raise a family.

Comprehensive Plan Requirements

Idaho State code, § 67-6508 (the Local Land Use Planning Act), requires certain elements to be addressed in a Comprehensive Plan. See the right sidebar for more on these requirements.

In addition to the state requirements, the City has also chosen to address other elements critical to realizing a successful community. Elements such as community design, arts, historic preservation, and more. In total, there are around 500 Goals, Objectives, and Action Items in the Plan, which address these elements. These policies are a critical part of the development review process. At time of application, most projects applying for annexation and zoning or for a rezone are reviewed for compliance with the text of the Comprehensive Plan, including these policies.

WHAT IS LLUPA?

Title 67 Chapter 65 of Idaho Statute is the Local Land Use Planning Act of 1975 (known as LLUPA). This section of State law both enables and requires that cities and counties in Idaho plan. Not only does this legislation provide a purpose and requirements for planning (see the left), but it also sets up the process and means for how local governments should go about their business. This Statute has been expanded several times to include new requirements and provisions, including the following:

- Property Rights
- Population
- School Facilities
- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Natural Facilities
- Hazardous Areas
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Special Areas or Sites
- Housing
- Community Design
- Agriculture
- Implementation
- National Interest Electric Transmission corridors
- Public Airport Facilities

QUESTIONS?

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Specific Area Plans

The City of Meridian also has sub area plans, which have specific development goals, guidelines, and in some cases, detailed development standards. See the following links for more information:

- ❑ Ten Mile Interchange Specific Area Plan [5](#)
- ❑ Destination Downtown Vision Plan [6](#)

Future Land Uses

One of the key components of the [Comprehensive Plan](#) is identification of future land uses. The City has a [Future Land Use Map](#) [2](#) which depicts where certain land uses are envisioned. For additional information, see the City of Meridian Comprehensive Plan website [1](#) or Future Land Use Designation Cut Sheets [3](#).

Links & References

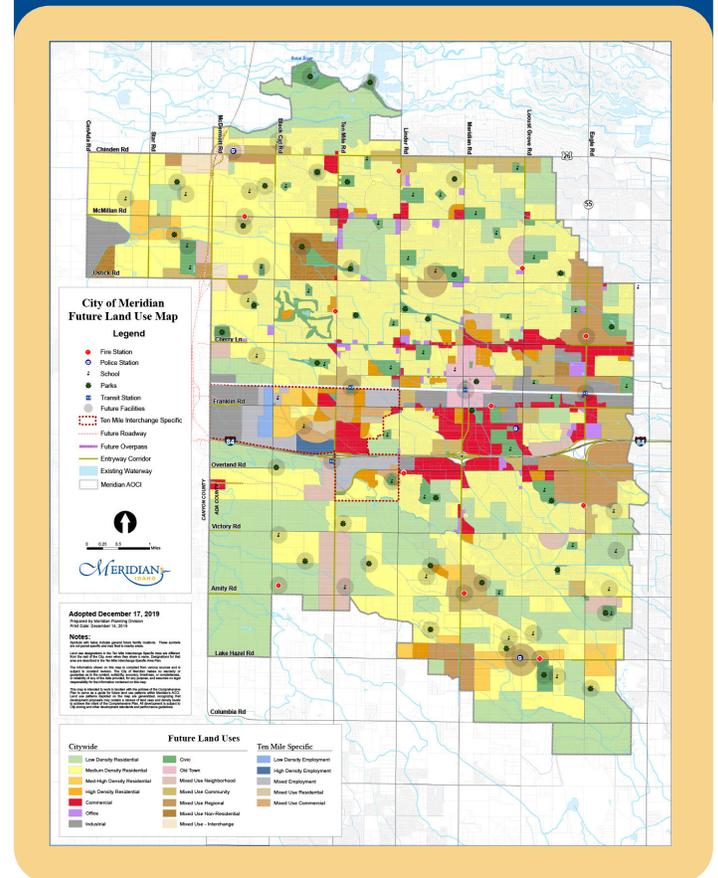
In addition to specific area plans, the Comprehensive Plans works in conjunction with other adopted plans. Of special note is the relationship between land use and transportation planning. For more information, see the references below.

- [1](#) City of Meridian Comprehensive Plan:
 - <https://www.meridiantcity.org/complan>
- [2](#) City of Meridian Future Land Use Map:
 - <https://meridiantcity.org/FLUM/>
- [3](#) Future Land Use Map Designation Cut Sheets:

Summary of each of the City's different future land uses.

 - <https://meridiantcity.org/landcutsheets>
- [4](#) Ten Mile Interchange Specific Area Plan:
 - <https://www.meridiantcity.org/TMISAP>
- [5](#) Destination Downtown:
 - <https://www.meridiantcity.org/downtown>

❑ FUTURE LAND USE MAP



Other Agency Plans

- ❑ ACHD Transportation & Land Use Integration Plan

Including Complete Streets Policy, Livable Streets Design Guide, and Master Street Map.

 - <https://meridiantcity.org/TransportationPlanning>
- ❑ COMPASS Regional Long-range Transportation Plan

COMPASS is the regional metropolitan planning organization which among other duties, prioritizes use of federal transportation dollars.

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