

2008 Northfield Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement and excerpts from “Objectives/Strategies”

Vision Statement

Northfield values its unique heritage as a mill and college town, and will reflect its community identity by preserving its historic and environmental characters, and enhancing its quality of place through a progressive and sustainable development pattern.

D. Implementation Matrix

Community Identity	Objective / Strategy
CI 3	Preserve historic sites and structures.
CI 3.1	Work with the Northfield Heritage Preservation Commission to create a priority list for designating buildings (those that aren't already listed), structures and districts on local, state and or national historic registers.
CI 3.2	Provide economic incentives and design flexibility to aid in the restoration and long-term economic vitality of historically significant buildings in the Downtown.
CI 3.3	Consider becoming an officially designated Mainstreet program by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, or incorporating Mainstreet's principles into existing economic development, historic preservation, or community planning programs.
CI 3.4	Cooperate with appropriate community groups, such as the Northfield Historical Society, in protecting and enhancing structures in the historic neighborhoods, and improving the general appearance of these areas.

Housing	Objective / Strategy
HS 2	Preserve the character and style of existing neighborhoods that have created Northfield's sense of place.
HS 2.1	Establish standards for replacement of homes in existing neighborhoods to ensure new homes are compatible with the design and scale of the neighborhood.
HS 2.2	Encourage the preservation of existing neighborhoods by rehabilitating deteriorating houses where practical, adaptive reuse of existing buildings and construction of new homes on infill lots and redevelopment sites.
HS 2.3	Establish regulations for the demolition or moving of buildings in neighborhoods.
HS 2.4	Consider establishing a review board to determine if infill housing is compatible with the design and scale of the existing neighborhood.
HS 2.5	Encourage the preservation of historically-significant structures, business and commercial areas and neighborhoods. Historical significance includes architectural features as well as significant historical and cultural events.
HS 2.6	Consider creating historic neighborhood conservation overlay district(s).