

To: Planning Commission
City of Northfield

From: Erin Perdu
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Project/File: Northfield Comprehensive Plan

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Reference: Monthly Comprehensive Plan Update**Progress Check:**

The Vision phase is now complete, with the completion of engagement on the draft vision and guiding values. The vision and guiding values are now accompanied by a draft decision-making framework (attached). This framework is meant to be used by decision-makers to keep the City's vision and guiding values in the forefront of decisions on budget, new policies, investments and capital improvements. The framework should be used by staff, the Planning Commission, other boards and commissions, and the City Council to make sure that actions are consistent with the guiding values and are moving the City towards the vision. I would love to have your feedback on the "questions" and "metrics" included in the framework, as well as any additional comments you have on the vision and guiding values themselves.

All the topic-based analyses have been drafted and are attached for your review (save the Climate Change analysis, which will be coming soon). I will facilitate a discussion of these and the decision-making framework at the April 18th meeting.

A recap of the project schedule is on the following page.

Steering committee update:

The steering committee has not met since your last meeting. We anticipate the next meeting sometime in May to review the analyses and provide guidance on what goals/strategies the analyses are pointing us toward.

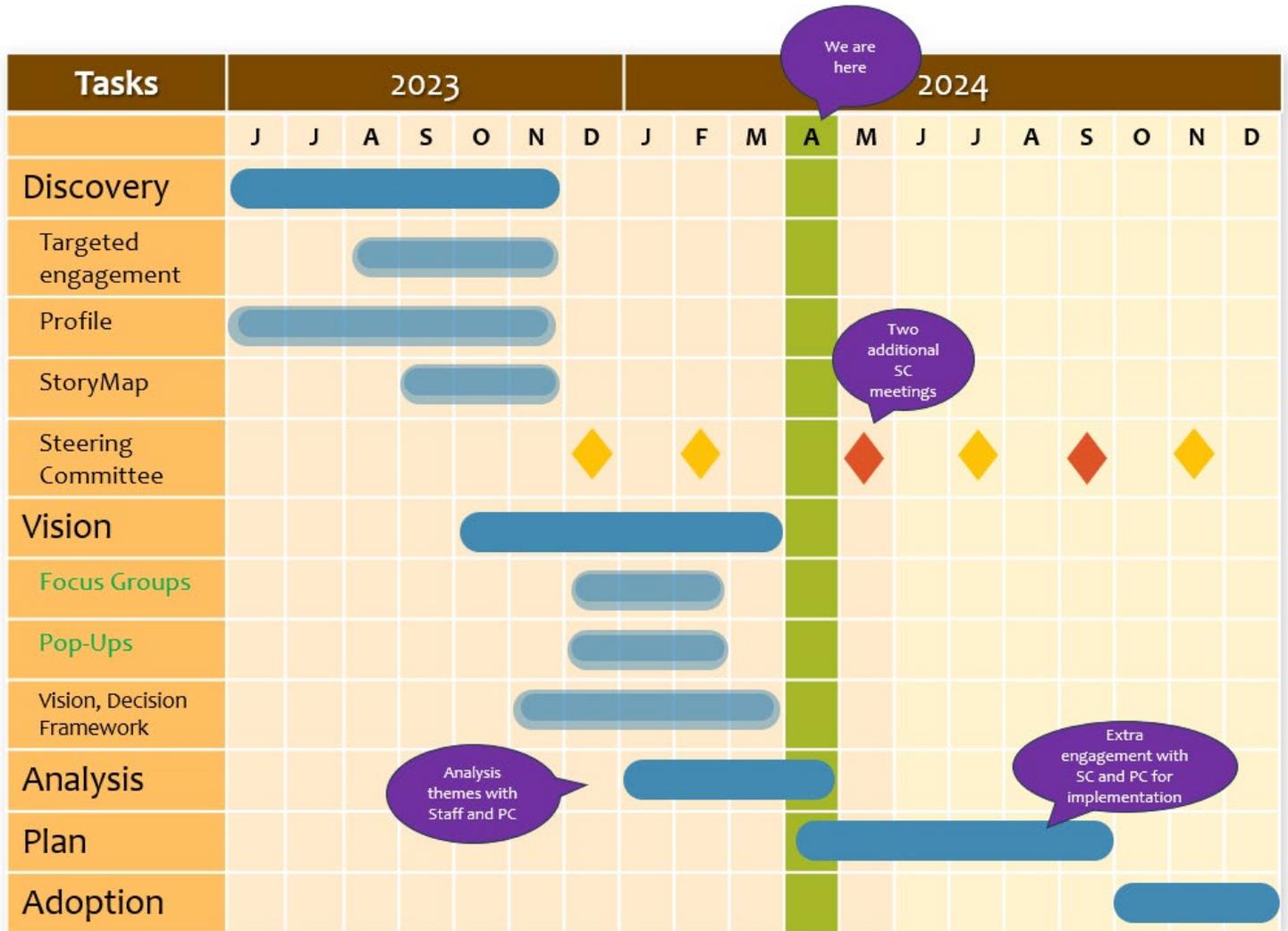
Engagement:

The Vision phase of engagement is now complete. A series of pop-up events and focused conversations, along with an online survey, A summary of what we heard during the Vision phase is attached for your review.

I have also included a version of the Vision and Guiding Values *with* links to the relevant community engagement we've received. This should help clarify how the engagement played a pivotal role in creating the vision and guiding values statements.

Per the community engagement plan, our next engagement push will be topic-focused and include targeted pop-ups or focus groups as well as a large community open house. More information on the timing of that will be forthcoming.

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Upcoming Work:

In the near term, we will be working on refining the analysis completed during the analysis phase so that it can move us into drafting goals and strategies for the various elements of the plan. As mentioned in the engagement section, we will be planning for the next engagement push, with timing likely early summer.

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Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Perdu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" and last name "Perdu" clearly distinguishable.

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Attachments: Vision and Guiding Values with Decision-Making Matrix, Topic-Based Analyses, Summary of Visioning Engagement