

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-006

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL
TO ADOPT THE “NORTHFIELD 2045” COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR
THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

- WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 462 defines a comprehensive plan as a compilation of policies, goals, standards, and maps for guiding the physical, social, and economic development — both public and private — of the municipality and its environment; and
- WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 462.355 and 462.356 recommends each local governmental unit to review and, if necessary, amend its entire comprehensive plan and its fiscal devices and official controls every 10 years; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Northfield authorized the review and update of its Comprehensive Plan; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan is a planning tool intended to guide the future growth and development of the City of Northfield in an orderly and economic manner that complies with the Minnesota Land Planning Act and other applicable planning statutes; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan reflects a community planning process conducted in 2023 and 2024 that reached hundreds of people at more than a dozen different community events and official public meetings; and
- WHEREAS, public engagement including focus groups, open houses and radio appearances helped identify and inform priorities, themes, issues and ideas that shape the Plan’s contents; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield Planning Commission oversaw the plan preparation process, guided staff and consultant work, maintained a city-wide perspective, and ensured that the plan addresses the key issues and opportunities facing Northfield; and
- WHEREAS, City staff and consultants engaged the Transportation Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Heritage Preservation Commission, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Economic Development Authority, Mayor’s Youth Council and City Council in framing issues and policies, providing feedback on draft policies and strategies, and setting timelines and priorities for implementation; and
- WHEREAS, all required notices regarding the public hearing were properly made; and
- WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held public hearings on December 19, 2024 and January 16, 2025 and received public testimony regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission that the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan is recommended to the City Council to be adopted.

PASSED by the Planning Commission of the City of Northfield this ____ day of ____ 2025.

Chair

Kim Schaefer
Member

VOTE: Y KUHLMANN Y BUCKHEIT A HOLLERAN
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