



New Brighton Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Process

The City of New Brighton underwent an extensive process of community meetings and workshops in 1997-1998, which established a vision for a future New Brighton. At that time, the City outlined a process that combined the local knowledge of the community with the leadership of its elected officials, the dedication of its volunteers and the professionalism of city staff and consultants. Since then, those combined entities have been working together to realize the vision while maintaining a role as a developed community within a growing metropolitan region. As such, the 2030 update focuses mainly on updating the technical information and ensuring compliance with the Metropolitan Council's 2030 Regional Blueprint. What remains apparent with the 2030 update is continued focus on the vision goals initially established under the Comprehensive Plan updated in 1998. The following outlines the update process:

May – 2007



The City Council directed staff on a process for updating the Comprehensive Plan, which included a City staff driven update focusing only on the requirements of the 2030 Regional Blueprint and other technical updates. This direction was aimed toward continuing on with the vision goals established by the 1998 Comprehensive Plan Update.

July—2007

City Staff began meeting on a regular basis to discuss roles and responsibilities related to the information that required updating.

December—2007

A Town Hall meeting was held whereby residents were given the opportunity to ask questions related to the 2008 update of the Comprehensive Plan.



April—2008

A draft plan was completed and distributed to the Advisory Commissions, City Council, and city staff for review and comment.

April 15, 2007	A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission whereby members of the public were given the opportunity to comment.
April 26, 2008	A draft plan was made available at the Town Hall Meeting.
May 13, 2008	The City Council considered a draft of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan update and recommended various revisions.
May 27, 2008	The City Council authorized a draft of the 2008 Update to the Comprehensive Plan to be distributed to adjacent communities, affected school districts, the Rice Creek Watershed District, and Ramsey County.
May – Nov. 2008	Mandatory 6-month review period.
Nov. – Dec. 2008	Revisions were made based upon the comments received during the mandatory review period.
Dec. – 2008	The Planning Commission and City Council reviewed the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update and authorized its submission to the Metropolitan Council.
May – 2009	The Metropolitan Council approved the 2030 New Brighton Comprehensive Plan Update subject to advisory comments.
Nov. 17, 2009	The Planning Commission recommended the City Council adopt the 2030 New Brighton Comprehensive Plan Update.
Nov. 24, 2009	The City Council adopted Resolution 09-079 authorizing the 2030 New Brighton Comprehensive Plan Update to be put into effect.

Neighborhood Planning Boundaries

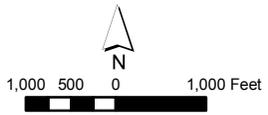
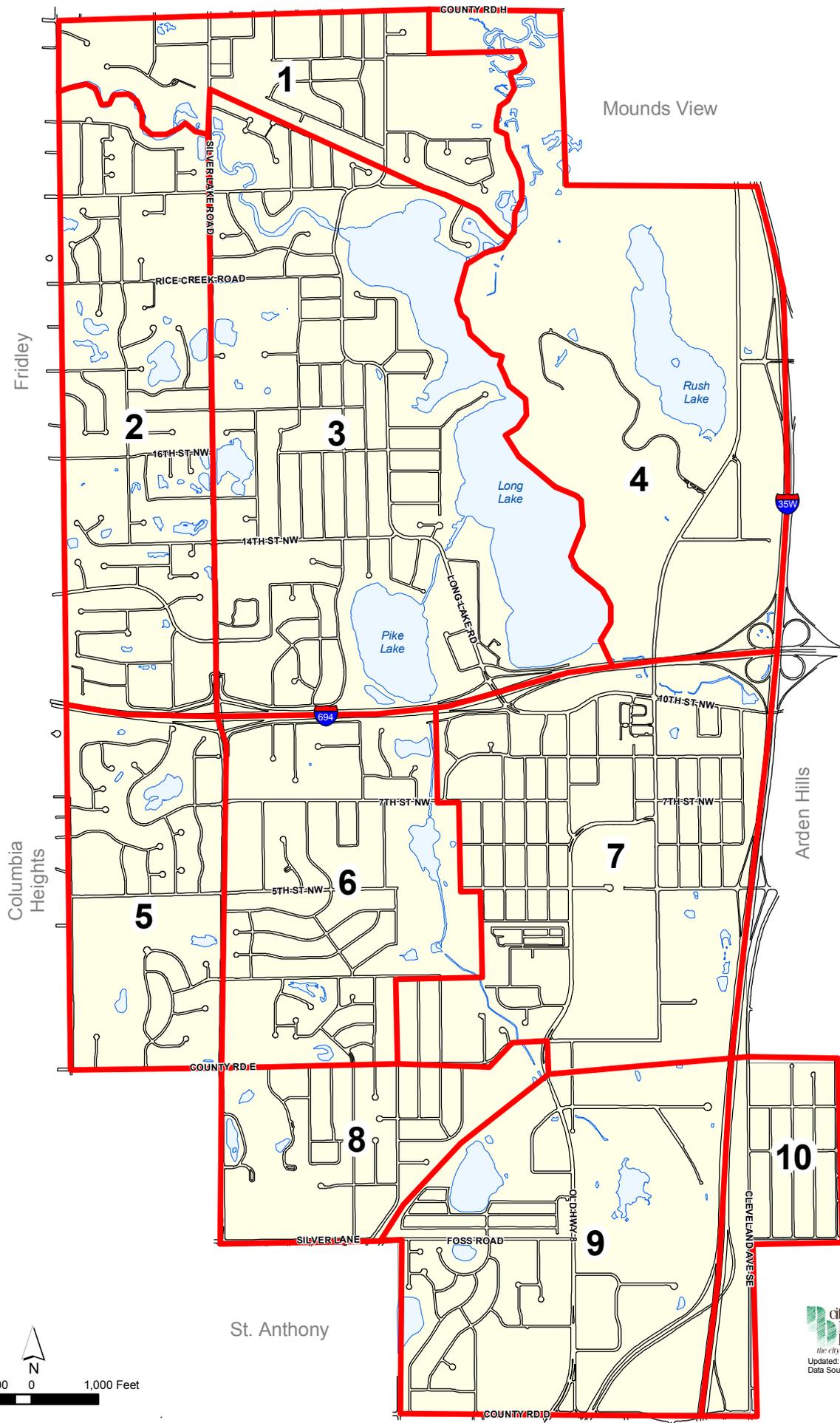
The 1988 comprehensive plan focused on neighborhood level planning, identifying 10 different “planning neighborhoods” according to physical and geological separations such as Interstates 694 and 35W, Rice Creek and Long Lake Regional Park to name a few. Existing land use patterns and future land use plans were developed for each individual neighborhood under the 1988 comprehensive plan. These neighborhoods were then further broken down under the neighborhood crime watch program and are currently identified as “Grids.” Many of these neighborhoods frequently have what are referred to as neighborhood grid meetings. These grid meetings provide opportunity for the neighborhood to discuss neighborhood and community issues and problems.

Both the 1998 and 2008 comprehensive plans do not go into the neighborhood level of detail that the 1988 comprehensive plan did. Rather, these plans focus on the greater community and more broad-

based patterns and relationships. However, the grid meetings and neighborhood level planning system established in New Brighton continues to be used to gather public input and it should be clear that this neighborhood level focus should not be abandoned.

The following map illustrates the various neighborhood boundaries.

Neighborhood Boundaries



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Data Sources: 1999 Comp Plan
NB GIS
Ramsey County