



## Columbia Compass 101: What is it all about?

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The City of Columbia is kicking off the process to update the City's comprehensive plan. This planning process and the document that will come out of it will be called Columbia Compass: Envision 2036. The City is conducting research on the community's population, natural resources, land use, transportation, housing, community facilities, cultural resources and economy. Through this research and public involvement during the planning process, a vision for Columbia will be defined and strategies will be developed for implementation during the ten-year period.

### Why should you be involved?

While City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff will certainly use the plan more than the average person, your opinions, and those of your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers are invaluable to this process. We all need to work together to define and navigate our future - otherwise the vision for Columbia will not be one that is reflective of our community's goals and aspirations. Our goal is to develop a plan that the average citizen finds helpful, informative, and inspiring, and we can't do that without YOU!

### What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan is a long-term guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document a community can create, and it establishes a long range vision for a community. A comprehensive plan is a tool to prepare for change and acts both a business plan and a guidebook for decision makers. The plan is not a regulatory document, but it serves as a foundation for City budgeting, zoning and land

## Ways to get involved:

### Public Open Houses:

October 3, 2018: 5-8pm  
@ Richland Library Main  
October 4, 2018 5-8pm  
@ Eau Claire Print Building

These open houses will be in a drop in format and are identical to one another.

### How else can you help?

Please help us spread the word! You can direct your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to stay informed by signing up for our newsletter at [www.columbiacompass.org](http://www.columbiacompass.org), and by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) @ColaCompass.

development regulations, capital improvements, development decisions, and more.

### What will the planning process look like?

We'll kick off the public process with two public open houses in October. These open houses are an opportunity for us to hear from you about your vision for Columbia. We will also be releasing an online survey in the coming weeks. After the open houses in October, the team will continue to conduct research and analysis and meet with citizens. The team will develop recommendations based on the data and feedback received, and bring this information back to a second round of public meetings in early 2019 prior to developing a document draft.

### Did you know?

The Civic League of Columbia developed a plan for the City in 1905. The first formal comprehensive plan was adopted in 1969.