

Planning Principles for Lakeland

To build a vibrant, culturally inclusive world-class community, planning in Lakeland should:

1. ...maintain and foster Lakeland's role as the economic, civic and cultural center of the surrounding region.
2. ...consult with, engage, and educate the public.
3. ...use best urban design practices to create functional, efficient, and attractive places for living, working, commerce, learning, leisure, and civic participation.
4. ...build a framework for the urban form by creating a hierarchy of interconnected streets; public open spaces; walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods; and appropriately located activity centers.
5. ...make available a diversity of housing types to accommodate all income levels.

6. ...maintain quality, sustainable public utilities and infrastructure.
7. ...create a multi-modal transportation system including facilities for motor vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians.
8. ...densify the urban core and encourage infill and redevelopment over peripheral expansion.
9. ...maintain community identity by preserving the best examples of historic architecture and designing new development in sympathy with Lakeland's character.
10. ...protect and enhance the functioning of natural systems including lakes, floodplains, wetlands, native plant communities and wildlife habitats.