



# **Quick Reference Guide**

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## **City of Lakeland**

### **Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030**



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The Lakeland Comprehensive Plan links the City's and Community's Vision to guide and balance the future economic, social, physical, environmental and fiscal management of development and redevelopment of Lakeland and follows the requirements of Chapter 163.177 of Florida Statutes while providing projections of growth and demand for services for the coming decade.

The City of Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030 includes goals, and objectives and policies that establish consistency with other City adopted regulations including the City of Lakeland Land Development Code. This guide is provided as a resource, so that you may easily access the information important to you and your community.



## Our City Vision

*A vibrant,  
innovative,  
culturally, inclusive  
world-class  
community!*

## Our City Mission

*A community  
working together  
to achieve an  
exceptional quality  
of life.*

## Our Community Vision

*A vibrant  
community of  
opportunity for a  
lifetime!*



# Vibrant and Inclusive Community

*Strong neighborhoods support our cultural history and our economic future*

## This chapter guides decisions and influences:

- How Lakeland will grow and develop overtime
- Housing availability and affordability
- Parks and open spaces
- Neighborhoods and historic preservation
- Property rights

### Did you know?



The City of Lakeland is approximately **75 square miles**



Lakeland maintains 5.98 acres for recreation use per 1,000 residents... **that's 643 acres!**



Lakeland's projected population in 2030 is estimated to be **127,236**.

The Elements in this chapter shape growth and redevelopment while ensuring Lakeland is a Vibrant and Inclusive Community:

- The Future Land Use Element influences the urban growth and shape of our community during the ten-year planning horizon.
- The Housing Element seeks to ensure residents of all incomes will have housing available in the future. It establishes policies to encourage a variety of housing types that are available throughout the City.
- The Recreation and Open Space Element sets standards for parks and open space to serve the needs of residents today and ensure future recreational needs as growth continues.
- The Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Element brings together the guidance to preserve the historic neighborhoods and continue policies to support healthy communities.
- The Property Rights Element ensures City decision-making considers property owner rights.

## What we heard from the community that helped develop the Plan:

*Encourage business friendly policies that boost business and commercial development.*

*Increase the variety of parks to include family parks, dog parks, music and event spaces, sports like fishing, and more.*

*Lakeland is a great place to live and raise a family, but there is a lack of affordable housing options.*



# Efficient and Well-Maintained Infrastructure

*Reliable services support human and environmental health*

The Infrastructure Element brings together guidance for vital services that support human and environmental health including the provision of potable water, wastewater, solid waste, stormwater, and natural groundwater aquifer recharge.



## This chapter guides decisions and influences:

- **Quality and supply of drinking water**
- **Management of wastewater and stormwater systems**
- **Solid waste collection and disposal**
- **Protection of natural groundwater for aquifer recharge**

## Did you know?



The City collects an average of **650 to 720 tons** of recycled material each month



Some wastewater is used for **power generation**



Lakeland is permitted the use of **35.03 million gallons** of drinkable water per day

## What we heard from the community that helped develop the Plan:

*Water treatment and distribution is of high importance.*

*We need to conserve and protect our natural resources and better manage stormwater and flood control.*





# Safe and Convenient Mobility Options

*Transportation systems for everyone, everywhere*

## Did you know?



The Citrus Connection is a fixed-route bus system providing **11 routes** throughout the greater Lakeland Planning Area

**Over 30 years ago**, the City designed the Lake-to-Lake Bikeway and Greenway Connector



Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL) is publicly **owned and operated** by the City

The Transportation Element highlights the many ways citizens and goods use transportation with the goal of providing a **safe, efficient, financially feasible, reliable, multimodal transportation system** on which fatalities and serious injuries are eliminated.

## This chapter guides decisions and influences:

- **Our network of roads, ranging from**
- **Interstate (I-4) to local neighborhood streets**
- **Local transit services**
- **Bicycle, pedestrian and other transportation modes**
- **Coordination of land use and transportation**

## What we heard from the community that helped develop the Plan:

*Improvements should be made in transportation options for those that do not have access to a personal vehicle.*

*Accessible biking, walking, and transit opportunities are a high priority.*

*More people would use public transportation if service was expanded during the workday and on weekends.*



# Attractive and Environmentally-Friendly Community

*Magnificent lakes support our natural resources*

## This chapter guides decisions and influences:

- Conservation of natural resources and habitats
- Protection of the quality of water resources including lakes and of air quality
- Prevention of flood hazards in future development

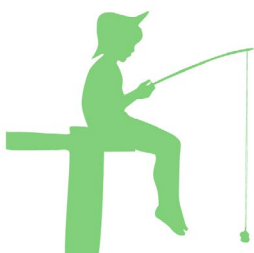
The Conservation Element includes guidance for the management, regulation, cooperation, and preservation of resources so that future generations will benefit from the same natural environment and resources that we enjoy today.

What we heard from the community that helped develop the Plan:

*Our lakes should be protected*

*Planting trees, flowers, and cleaning up lakes will help beautify Lakeland.*

Did you know?



Lake Parker is the largest lake in the Lakeland Planning Area and has an **average depth of 5 feet**



To enhance conservation the City uses **Florida Friendly Landscaping** at all City buildings and parks



# Responsible and Accessible Government

*Maintain financial stability while providing for growth and redevelopment*

What we heard from the community  
that helped develop the Plan:

*Maintaining our  
City facilities is as  
important as building  
new ones.*

*Good schools  
make our  
neighborhoods  
better.*

## This chapter guides decisions and influences:

- **Coordination with Polk County and surrounding cities**
- **Public school facilities**
- **Funding for capital improvements**
- **Standards for services provided**

**The Elements in this chapter set the standards the City holds for itself in communicating with its citizens and with other governmental agencies.**

- The Intergovernmental Coordination Element includes guidance for coordination with other cities and the County to ensure land use decisions generally benefit everyone.
- The Public Schools Facilities Element ensures that adequate school facilities will be available as growth continues to increase school age children.
- The Capital Improvements Element (CIE) guides the City's capital budget to meet the needs for growth and redevelopment while maintaining the quality of services in Lakeland.

**Level of service standards are set in this chapter for public facilities including:**



**Roadways &  
Transit**



**Water, Wastewater,  
and Solid Waste**



**Recreation and  
Open Spaces**



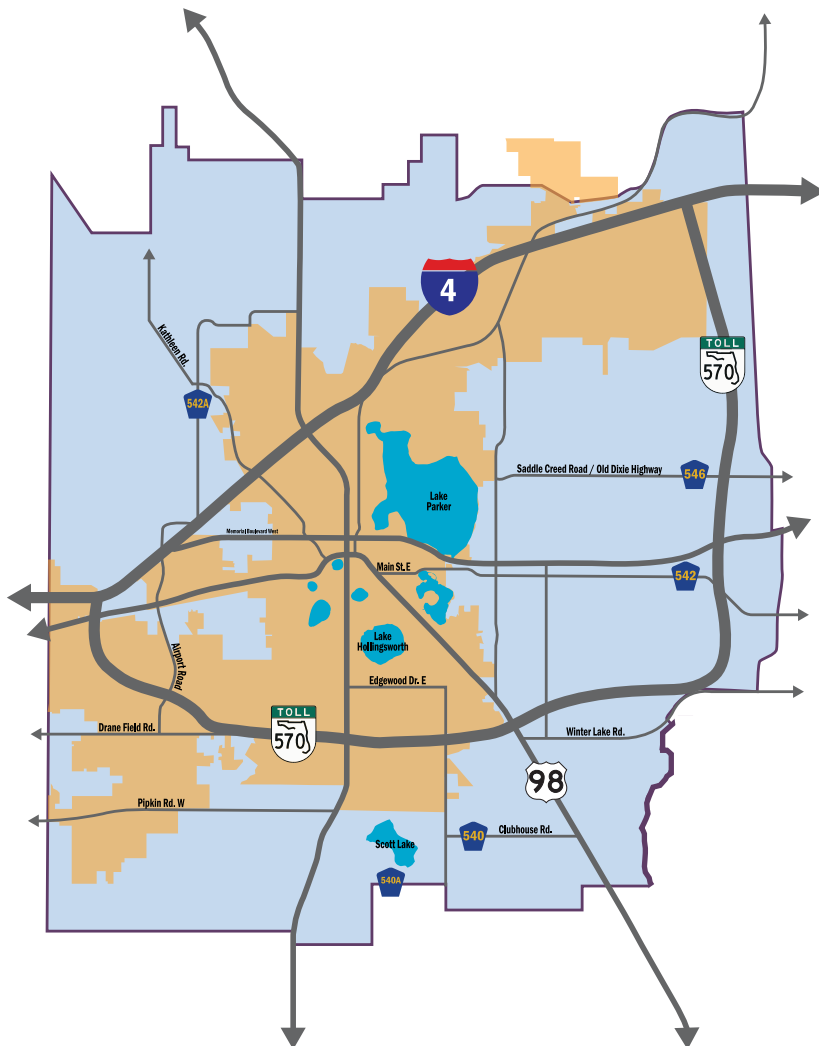
**Public School  
Facilities**

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## Lakeland Planning Area

 *Lakeland City Limits*

 *Lakeland Planning Area*

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