



City of Cudahy Comprehensive Plan Preliminary Goal Statements

The following preliminary goal statements have been developed based on input from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, community visioning and input meetings, stakeholder interviews, and City Staff and public officials.

The following statements are the basis from which a bold and succinct community vision statement will be developed – one that will guide the community for the next 20 years. Elected officials, City Staff, appointed committees, and community groups focused on the future success of Cudahy will look to this vision for guidance on the City’s overall direction, and in community programming, public improvements, redevelopment and downtown revitalization.

We will discuss the following goals at the August 6th Steering Committee Meeting. We will then use Steering Committee input to revise the goal statements and draft a community vision statement which will be presented at the September Steering Committee meeting. At the September meeting we will use this information to begin to develop specific strategies to accomplish the community’s vision and goals.

Goal: Enhance Cudahy as a vibrant urban community.

- Position Downtown Cudahy as the “Downtown of the South Shore” through redevelopment, community gatherings, and aesthetic and access improvements.
- Advance mixed use redevelopment, improve appearance and image, and activity levels along the City’s avenues.
- Promote high quality new buildings that fit within Cudahy’s urban form.
- Focus on providing clean, safe, and attractive streets and neighborhoods.
- Bring more young families to Cudahy.
- Maintain good roads, utilities, parks, schools, and services as the backbone for Cudahy’s growth.
- Advance community, personal, and environmental health through sustainable choices.
- Maintain and promote diverse employment opportunities.



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Goal: Celebrate and advance what makes Cudahy unique.

- Preserve the historic downtown, charming neighborhoods, ~~and Eastern~~ European and “company town” heritage.
- Assure that new development contributes to the City’s distinct character and positive growth.
- Increase access to, views of, and community activity and programming along Lake Michigan.
- Achieve commuter rail, with a station and complementary development downtown.
- Define and market Cudahy’s unique role in the South Shore and greater Milwaukee area.
- Cooperate with neighboring communities and the Airport interests to advance Cudahy and the South Shore area.

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Goal: Make Cudahy a premier destination to live, work, learn, play, and do business.

- Refine and enhance Cudahy’s image in the region and among residents.
- Revitalize City housing and neighborhoods through focused action, ~~resident cooperation, and property-owner cooperation in the case of rental properties.~~
- Work with landlords and tenants to improve rental housing.
- Increase the homeownership rate to at least 60 percent. The Committee suggested that a target rate should be pursued within each individual neighborhood rather than community-wide. Vandewalle & Associates will research the homeownership rates by neighborhood and present findings at an upcoming Steering Committee meeting.
- Create an action plan to increase homeownership, making current and potential residents more aware of the housing investment programs that exist at the federal, state, and local level.
- Develop a procedure and plan of action for acquiring key transient or multi-family conversion units as they go for sale and redeveloping them into housing units more complimentary to their neighborhood’s traditional character.
- Maintain Cudahy as an affordable place to live and run a business.
- Create an environment that focuses on retaining existing businesses and attracting complimentary and eclectic new ~~businesses.~~

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- Work collaboratively with companies to improve the appearance of industrial properties, particularly highly-visible properties adjacent to residential and key commercial areas. Foster a cooperative relationship between companies and the City, and a sense of pride among the community at the City's rich industrial history and economy.
- Partner with educational providers to enhance Cudahy as a place for learning and families.
- Enhance cultural and recreational opportunities for all ages.