

Woonsocket Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop

March 24, 2022



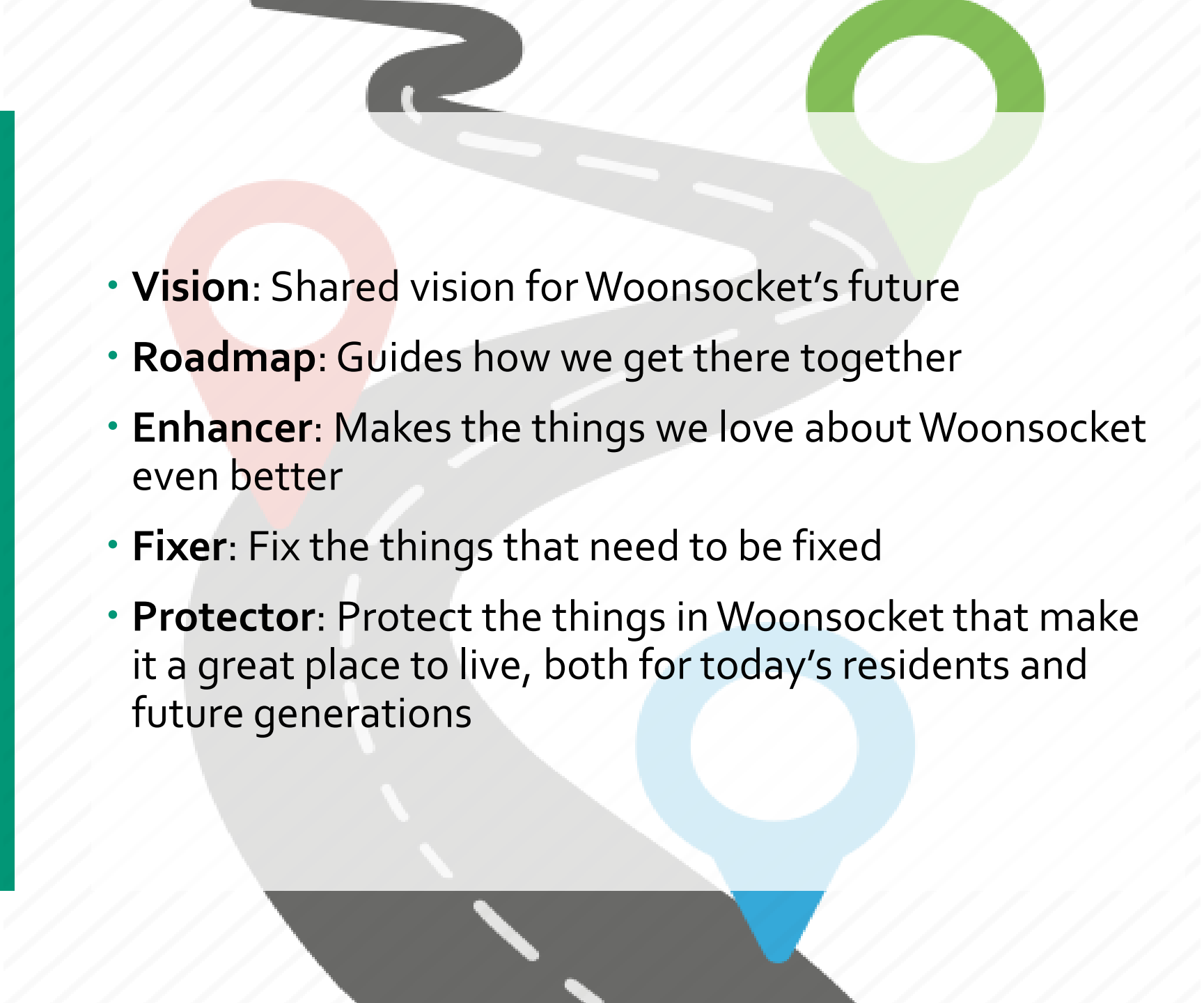
Woonsocket
Comprehensive Plan
2022-2042



Tonight's Agenda

- 5:45 PM – Registration Opens
- 6:00 PM – Presentation
- 6:15 PM – Small Group Discussions
- 7:00 PM – Report Back
- Gallery and Open House until 7:45 PM

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- **Vision:** Shared vision for Woonsocket's future
 - **Roadmap:** Guides how we get there together
 - **Enhancer:** Makes the things we love about Woonsocket even better
 - **Fixer:** Fix the things that need to be fixed
 - **Protector:** Protect the things in Woonsocket that make it a great place to live, both for today's residents and future generations
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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Tool to make decisions about . . .

- **Development:** What it looks like and where it happens
- **Environment and History:** Protecting environmentally sensitive areas and historic sites
- **Investments:** Prioritizing investments in community services and infrastructure
- **Community:** Providing opportunities for all residents to have a voice
- **Business:** Better support local business development

Why should Woonsocket update its Comprehensive Plan?

- **Preparation:** Be proactive and prepare for the future
- **Stewardship:** Spend tax dollars efficiently and effectively
- **Legacy:** Make Woonsocket better and stronger for the next generation
- **Policy & Regulation:** Ensure City policies and regulations support the shared vision
- **Funding:** Support for grants, financing, and private investment

What goes into the making of a Comprehensive Plan?

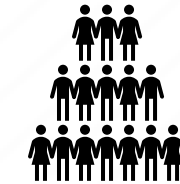
- **Existing Plans:** Build on existing work and pull all our best ideas into one place
- **Facts and Data:** What do local demographics and statistics tell us?
- **Needs and Desires:** What do residents need and want to live a happy and full life?

Our most important task will be hearing from YOU and your neighbors!

What does a Comprehensive Plan cover?

Traditionally ...

- Community Services
- Housing
- Transportation
- Future Growth
- Natural Resources
- Historic Resources
- Economic Development
- Parks & Open Spaces

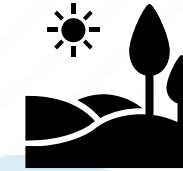


What does a Comprehensive Plan cover?

More recently . . .

- **Energy**
- **Climate Change**
- **Public Health/Food Access**
- **Governance**
- **Special Places**

The City will look at all these things together to understand how everything affects everything else



What does a Comprehensive Plan cover?

Comprehensive plans are living documents that include:

- **Vision:** Where does Woonsocket want to be 20 years from now?
- **Goals:** What does Woonsocket look like when its Vision is achieved?
- **Policies/Objectives:** How do we go about reaching our goals?
- **Actions:** Specific steps to implement the Plan

The Planning Process

Three Major Products

Baseline Report	Comprehensive Plan	Implementation Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facts• Data• Demographics• Statistics• Inventories• Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Input• What do the facts tell us?• Vision• Goals• Objectives• Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of all the Actions• Time Frame• Cost• Who (specifically!) is responsible?

Other Opportunities to Participate!

Everything we're doing tonight will be available on the project website starting tomorrow.

Encourage your friends and family to visit:

www.woonsocketplanning.com

- Read materials
- Take surveys
- Sign up for our contact list

Please help us spread the word!



Small Group Discussion

Report Back will start at approximately 7:00 PM