

Ottawa Comprehensive Plan Update

Info Session



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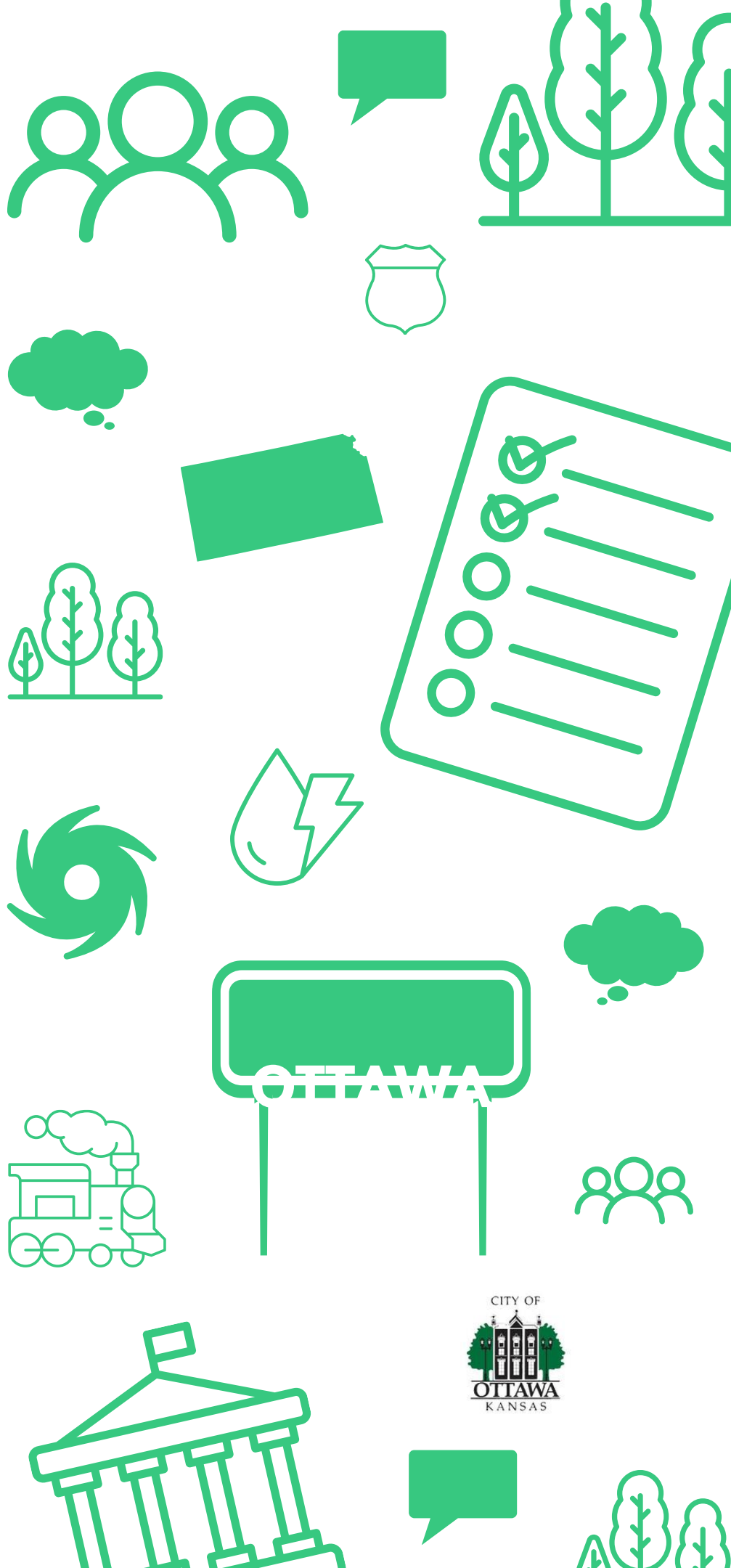
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Planning in Ottawa



Planning in Ottawa

Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) provides a variety of services:

- Permitting and Inspections
- Development Review
- Zoning & Subdivision Projects
- Current/Long Range Planning
 - Maintenance and implementation of the adopted Comprehensive Plan



What is a Comprehensive Plan?



What is a Comp Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document that shows the community where we are, and where we would like to be in the future. The plan provides visions and goals along with a framework to implement the plan. It is used by the city government and Commissions to help guide decision making in many ways, including zoning, infrastructure, parks and recreation, and more.



What is a Comp Plan?

The most recent plan was adopted in 2004, and addressed numerous subjects within Ottawa:

- Existing Conditions and Demographics
- Goals, Objectives, and Policies
- Future Land Use
- Implementation

A lot has changed in 20 years



Why Update the Plan?



Why Update the Plan?

The current Ottawa Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2004, has not received a comprehensive review and revision since then. Ideally, plans are reviewed annually to make sure the Plan is up-to-date. The intent of the revision is to amend and update the plan to reflect the changes in the community that have occurred in the past 20 years.



Why Update the Plan?

Comprehensive Plans are a statement of purpose that outline community goals:

“Here is where we want to go”

The Plan is made up of data and information that inform objectives and policies, which show how we intend to reach those goals. For example...



Why Update the Plan?

Housing in Ottawa is often cited as a source of concern. We need more options, and more *affordable* options to attract residents and keep the ones we have. The Comp Plan states this as a goal currently – we would keep that, and then explore how our policies support that goal in 2024

For example: Adding policy regarding ADU's



Updating the Plan | Elements



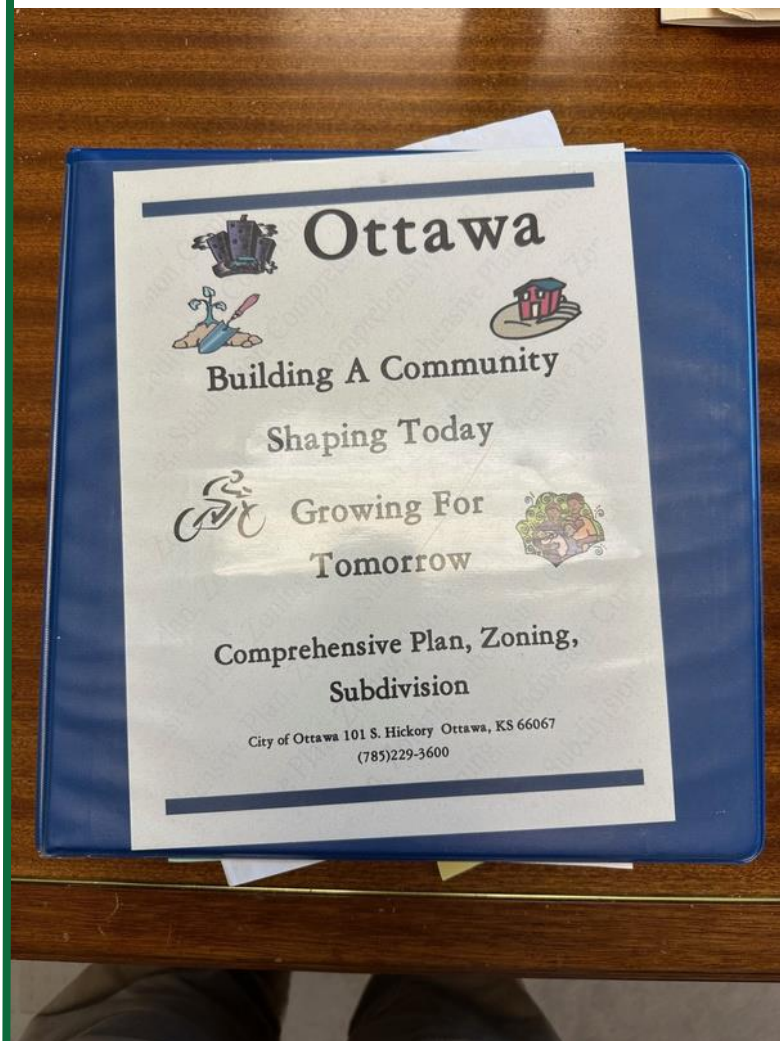
Format

The format and style of the plan is key to creating a user-friendly document that is accessible not only to staff but to residents of Ottawa.

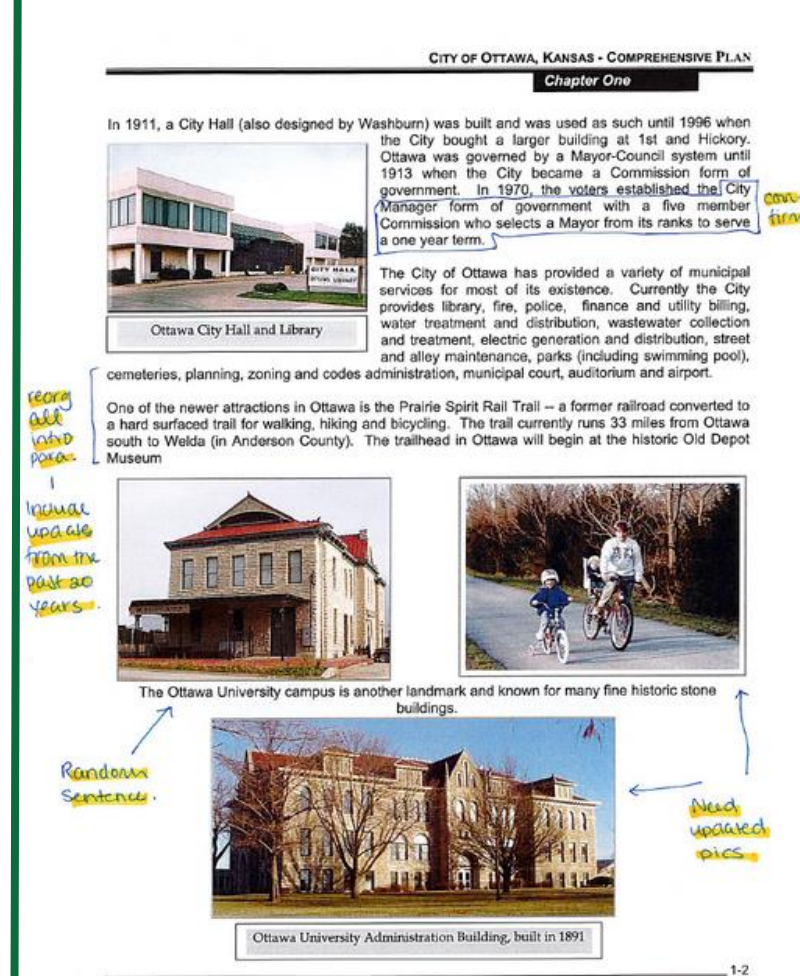
The update is not a complete scrap of the existing plan, but an attempt to make it easier to navigate and a valuable resource to the community.



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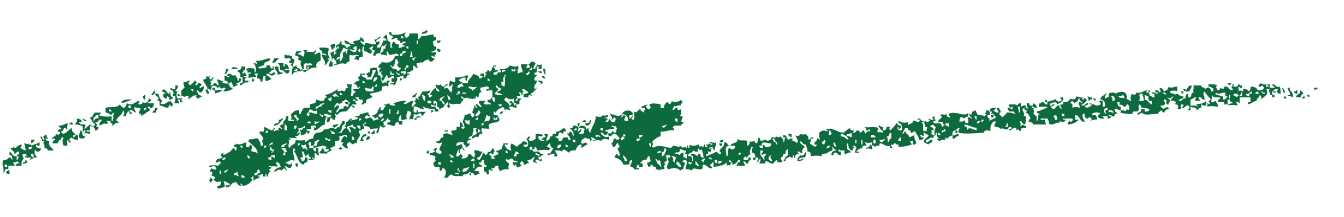


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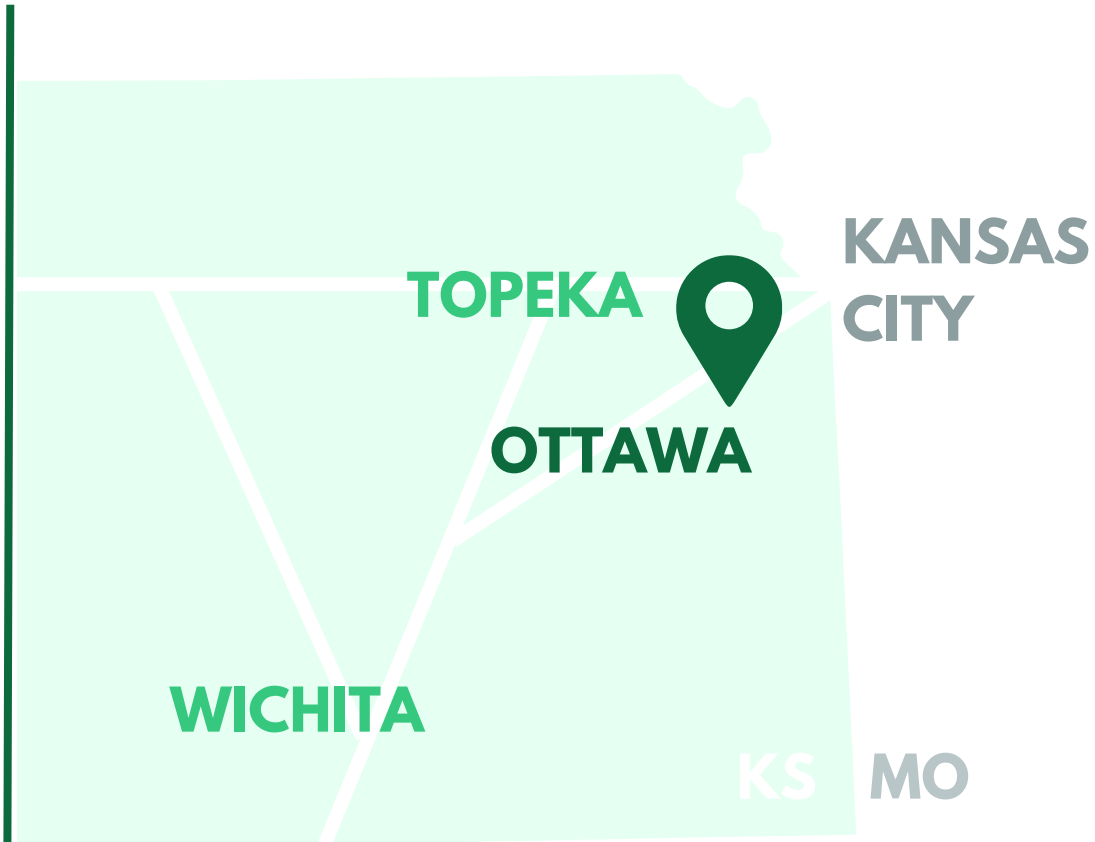


Existing Conditions

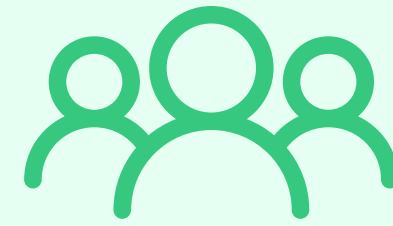
Since the 2004 update of the Ottawa Comprehensive Plan, Ottawa has seen moderate growth, though not at the levels projected at that time. Originally projected at a population of over 15,000 by 2020, Ottawa had an estimated population of 12,625 in the most recent census, a slight decline from the 2010 population.



Existing Conditions



POPULATION
12,625



Source: United States Census Bureau

OTTAWA'S POPULATION AT THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS REFLECTS A LESS THAN 0.2% DECREASE FROM THE 2010 CENSUS ESTIMATE OF 12,645, AND A 6% INCREASE IN POPULATION FROM THE 2000 CENSUS ESTIMATE OF 11,921

OTTAWA HAS ON AVERAGE LOWER INCOME, HOMEOWNERSHIP RATES, AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THAN THE STATE AS A WHOLE, BUT ALSO A YOUNGER POPULATION AND HIGHER EMPLOYMENT RATE

AVERAGE INCOME	POVERTY RATE	
\$61,927	9.7%	OTTAWA
\$68,925	12%	KANSAS
EMPLOYMENT RATE		
64%		OTTAWA
62.5%		KANSAS
PERCENT WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER		
27.6%		OTTAWA
35.6%		KANSAS
AVERAGE AGE	PERCENT 65 OR OLDER	
35.7	14.7%	OTTAWA
37.6	17.2%	KANSAS
HOUSING UNITS	HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE	
5,558	63.3%	OTTAWA
	67.7%	KANSAS



Existing Conditions

Allowing for margin of error in the 2020 census due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Ottawa's population growth has been steady, though not meeting the projections from 2004.

Assuming a similar growth pattern over the next twenty years, Ottawa would likely reach a population of 13,000–14,000 by the mid-2040s.



Existing Conditions

While preparing for the long-term development of the Kansas City area and I-35 corridor continues to be important, it is also key that Ottawa ensures a strong focus on existing resources, infrastructure, and identity to foster additional growth and preserving a sense of community that has been and continues to be a core strength.



Updating the Plan | Approach



Initial Assessment

Review of current document and identifying key issues.

Staff have begun the review of the current document and addressing key issues. The revised plan should reflect the city's current long-term vision and goals, while also addressing and updating outdated information.



Public Engagement

Gathering community input and ideas.

The City will be holding several engagement sessions over the coming months, and more opportunities for residents to engage with the plan, in-person and online.

Since this process takes time, there will be a variety of options to take part in the update.



Data Collection & Analysis

Gathering information and conducting new research as needed.

This is an ongoing process within the revision of the comprehensive plan. Staff are coordinating with city and community bodies to ensure that information within the plan is updated to reflect the needs and changes of Ottawa in 2024.



Drafting the Plan

Creating a new, modern, readable, and accessible document that reflects the revisions and feedback received throughout the process.

As we move through the update, revisions are incorporated into the new document to create a clearer picture of Ottawa today and where we hope to be in the future.



Review and Adoption

The finalization and adoption of the revised plan.

The target date for adoption is Mid-2025, following completing the revision and community and staff review. Implementation would follow adoption, as the plan is utilized in various processes, including transportation planning, zoning, and community improvement.



Next Steps



Timeline

START
2024 - 2025

The update is still in the relatively early stages, and with work being done internally, being flexible as needs and situations arise is important. We anticipate bringing the revised plan to the City Commission for adoption in mid-2025.



Engagement

Get involved! The process is in the early stages and as we move forward, we want to hear from you.

- ottawaks.gov/comprehensive-plan
- Resident Survey
- Future engagement sessions

Check online or contact NCS for updates on future events and other ways to get involved!



Thank You!

Questions & Discussion

