

Columbus Citywide Planning Policies

Summary Sheet



What

Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) is a new approach to land use planning. It is similar to existing area plans with the added benefit of providing communities with up-to-date policies. It includes: Guiding Principles, Design Guidelines, Land Use Policies, and Land Use Plans. (See table below)

Where

C2P2 is available to all areas in the city of Columbus, except portions of the city that fall within historic districts or design review areas, as these areas already have design guidelines and related review processes.

When

When a community supports C2P2, City Council may consider adoption of C2P2 for the respective area. City staff will begin working with communities to develop Land Use Plans in 2020. Prior to this (2018/2019), areas may request adoption of the C2P2 Design Guidelines to be used with existing adopted area plans.

Why

The City's past area plan process made it challenging to update plans in a timely manner. This left areas covered by older plans, or areas without a plan, without the benefit of current land use policies and design guidelines. C2P2 is designed to guide and focus future growth in a way that benefits our communities.

How

City staff will work with each community to develop an area specific Land Use Plan. Land Use Plans are used with the C2P2 Design Guidelines and Land Use Policies to review rezoning and variance applications.

Benefit Comparison:

Policy Elements	Existing Plans	C2P2
Guiding Principles	Varies	✓
Design Guidelines	Varies	✓
Land Use Policies	Varies	✓
Recommended Land Use Map (area specific)	Varies	✓
Map updated every 10 years	Varies	✓
Area Specific Policies	✓	✓
City Council adoption	✓	✓
Community Engagement (area specific)	✓	✓
Community Engagement (citywide)		✓
Guiding Principles updated every 2 years (estimated)		✓
Design Guidelines updated every 2 years (estimated)		✓
Land Use Policies updated every 2 years (estimated)		✓