2025 FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

LAND—USE CLASSIFICATIONS

Primary Uses:
- Agriculture and conservation.
- Uses associated with recreation.
- Supporting retail or office uses.

Secondary Uses:
- Public and private open space, public and private parks, and manufacturing.
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COMMUNITY VISIONS, GOALS, AND STRATEGIES

COMMUNITY VISIONS

ECONOMY

Our population is diverse and growth is managed in a strategic and sustainable manner.

DEMOGRAPHICS

GOAL

In St. Charles County, we will focus on economic development efforts and new business formation, and on building business capacity for the county’s diverse population.

Strategies

- Develop taxation and economic incentive programs to attract and retain businesses.
- Foster the development of entrepreneurial and small business ventures.
- Support the expansion of existing businesses.
- Promote the development of mixed-use development, combining residential and retail components, as a means of reducing traffic congestion and environmental impacts.
- Encourage the development of additional business facilities throughout the county.

VISION

We have a healthy and robust economic climate, with increased economic opportunity for all.

GOAL

VISION

NATURAL RESOURCES

Our natural resources are preserved and will maintain a balance between development and the environment.

Strategies

- Ensure the protection of open space, farmland, and wilderness areas.
- Promote sustainable use and management of natural resources.
- Encourage the use of renewable energy sources.
- Enhance water quality and reduce pollution.
- Promote the preservation of endangered species and habitats.

VISION

Land use and development programs are well-managed and natural resources are maintained and protected.

GOAL

Plan for an urban development and growth in a sustainable way.

Strategies

- Promote a balance between integrated and sustainable land use.
- Ensure that development and infrastructure are in harmony with the environment.
- Promote the development of mixed-use communities.
- Encourage the use of renewable energy sources.
- Maintain the health of our natural resources.
- Promote the preservation of endangered species and habitats.

VISION

Housing

We will have a sufficient supply and variety of housing accommodations for all segments of the population.

Strategies

- Ensure the provision of affordable housing options.
- Promote the expansion of passenger rail to serve the population centers of St. Charles County.
- Support mixed family housing, especially those providing housing for senior citizens, the disabled, and homeless.
- Work with not for profit agencies, government, and other organizations.

VISION

Transportation

Our transportation system provides alternative, affordable, and efficient modes of transportation that accommodate the needs of our residents.

Strategies

- Promote the concept of mixed-use development.
- Establish and preserve open space and recreational opportunities.
- Facilitate the development of passenger rail to serve the population centers of St. Charles County.
- Coordinate land use plans between county and cities.
- Provide capacity to meet the demands of anticipated growth.
- Develop a land use plan that designates land use acreages that to some extent exceed our projected needs.

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Conservation

We will maintain and operate open space and natural areas.

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