





Executive Summary

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Clearwater 2045 is an official policy document of the City of Clearwater. It establishes a consistent statement of the city's plans and policies for future development and is meant to be a living document that is updated over time to respond to changing conditions and the evolving needs of the community. All parts of the plan, in conjunction with partner plans, work together towards the realization of the city's vision for the future.

The new *Comprehensive Plan* includes an Introduction and is then broken down into six chapters: Quality Places, Mobility, Parks & Public Places, Conservation & Coastal Management, Support Services, and Plan Implementation.

The **Quality Places (QP) Chapter** goals provide guidance for land use, development, and redevelopment; place character and preservation; neighborhood stability; housing affordability; and economic development.



- Sustain and improve neighborhoods
- Promote redevelopment and infill development
- Support Activity Centers in Downtown Clearwater and Clearwater Beach
- Protect and improve Employment Districts
- Regulate land use and development to protect public health and safety and promote high quality development
- Encourage the development of diverse housing
- Celebrate unique historic and cultural places
- Protect and enhance causeways, gateways, and view corridors

The **Mobility (M) Chapter** goals provide guidance for improving the performance of the roadway network, increasing travel safety and destination accessibility, promoting walking, biking, and transit use as safe and convenient alternatives to driving, and improving connections to local and regional employment centers.



- Provide a safe and equitable transportation system
- Increase transportation alternatives
- Plan for the safe and efficient operation of Clearwater Airpark
- Plan for safe and efficient movement and delivery of goods

The **Parks & Public Places (PPP) Chapter** goals provide guidance for parks and recreation facilities throughout the city.



- Promote equitable design of parks and recreation related facilities
- Ensure parks and recreation related facilities are located throughout the city
- Preserve and expand natural features
- Improve parks and recreation related facilities through impact fees

The **Conservation & Coastal Management (CCM) Chapter** goals provide guidance for protecting and preserving those natural resources found within the city as well as coastal areas, while also introducing sustainable and resilient techniques for development and redevelopment.



- Protect and enhance natural resources
- Protect the city from storm events, hurricane winds, and flood risks
- Increase air quality
- Integrate sustainable and resilient techniques
- Ensure post-disaster redevelopment minimizes vulnerability to future disasters
- Educate the public on hazards, the natural environment, and sustainability

The **Support Services (SS) Chapter** goals provide guidance for public services and utilities. The chapter has been expanded to include Clearwater Gas, law enforcement, emergency services, emergency management, and library services that had not been previously included.



- Provide and maintain portable water, sanitary sewer, and reclaimed water systems
- Provide cost effective and efficient stormwater management
- Provide solid waste collection and disposal services
- Provide and expand gas energy solutions
- Provide professional and dependable law enforcement services
- Provide quality and cost effective emergency services
- Support emergency management initiatives to increase disaster preparation and hazard mitigation
- Provide quality information, learning, and services at city libraries
- Efficiently maintain buildings, fleet vehicles, and other equipment

The **Plan Implementation (PI) Chapter** goals provide guidance on the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan through intergovernmental coordination and capital improvements as well as information related to property rights and annexation of enclaves.



- Initiate or participate in intergovernmental coordination activities
- Protect natural resources and improve air quality
- Expand housing opportunities and work to reduce homelessness
- Coordinate transportation system improvements
- Ensure safe, sound, and efficient delivery of public utilities
- Work with partner agencies for disaster planning
- Maintain communication for addressing and resolving conflict
- Protect private property rights
- Coordinate annexation of property in enclaves
- Continue to provide and maintain public facilities in a timely and fiscally sound manner