



Memo

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TO: James V. Capparelli, City Manager

FROM: Eva-Marie Tropper

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

SUBJECT:
Strategic Planning

PURPOSE:
Strategies and initiatives to inspire interest, engagement, and investment in the City of Joliet

FACTS:

- Creating a long-range plan for the City of Joliet is a transformative opportunity to engage residents in a citywide planning process driven by a collective vision, evidence-based initiatives, and priority projects that work together to build a thriving, equitable, city-building strategy for the City of Joliet.
 - Joliet has not had a Comprehensive Plan since 1959.
 - The City currently uses a variety of plans to make planning, financial, and infrastructure decisions. A new Comprehensive Plan would align these plans with top-level citywide goals.
 - The Community Development Department issued an RFQ for consultant team proposals to complete the Plan in October 2022. We anticipate onboarding a finalist team for the project in the first quarter of 2023.
- The Department is working with the City's design consultant on the detailed design of City Square. Located across from the Rialto Square Theatre, at the corner of Clinton and Chicago Streets, City Square will bring a vibrant gathering place to downtown Joliet. The project website for more information is <https://www.joliet.gov/CitySquare>.