

Phase 2 3









Activities:

- Walkshops
- Community Workshop
- StoryMap with interactive maps and survey

over 200 participants in Phase 2 alone















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Mission:

- Get further
 feedback on the
 Vision and Values
- Apply developing
 Vision to 5 key
 focus areas:



- 1. The 11th Street Underpass
- 2. Moorhead Center
- 3. Waterfront Nodes
- 4. Placemaking on the Rourke Block
- 5. Programming Woodlawn Pointe

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Focus Area: 11th Street Underpass (Creative Pioneers)

Findings:

- Need: Well-lit, feeling of safety
- Possibility: Public art to activate
- Study: adjacent land, potential Lowertown















Focus Area: Moorhead Center District and Center Avenue Findings:

- Need: communitywide amenities
- Possibility: River as backyard, more street frontages
- Study: Full-scale redevelopment or turning mall outward, phasing is critical

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Focus Area: Waterfront Nodes

Findings:

- Need: Complementing downtown
- Possibility: Wayfinding, programming
- Study: Hierarchy of nodes, connections to downtown destinations











Focus Area: Placemaking on the Rourke Block

Findings:

- Need: Enhanced pedestrian safety and comfort
- Possibility: Creative programming, tactical urbanism
- Study: Consistent outdoor programming on public sites











Focus Area: Programming Woodlawn Pointe

Findings:

- Need: Future uses should fit into adjacent area
- Possibility: Housing, public amenity
- Study: Ideal locations for buildings, recreational amenities







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MISSION

Highlights

- to leverage demand for downtown, walkable living
- to leverage shifts in regional economics
- to increase convenience
- to decrease costs of living

Full Statement

A "new norm"—defined by two decades of demographic changes that point to surging interest in living in Downtowns and walkable neighborhoods, economic changes that dramatically increase the importance of Downtowns as regional economic engines which attract knowledge industry jobs and investment, and technological changes like connected and shared autonomous mobility that will increase the convenience and decrease the cost of living and working Downtown—is unlocking an era of unprecedented opportunity for Downtown Moorhead. Today we can reimagine and build a Downtown shaped around the aspirational values that the Moorhead community brought to the Downtown planning process: authenticity, vibrancy, equity and inclusion, resilience, and connectivity.









VISION

Highlights

- small town feel with big city opportunities
- good experiences
- nature and culture combined
- colleges and innovation engaged
- center for Moorhead and region

Full Statement (see technical memo)

Downtown will be, even more than it is already, a place that pairs the tangible sense of community found in small towns with the vibrancy, diversity, and emerging opportunities that represent the best of city life. Bordered by natural amenities and strong institutions, Downtown will be a place energized and defined by the rich variety of the experiences it offers. Visit City Hall, the Library, and a great museum. Gather in a new civic square with fellow community members from every walk of life. Enjoy nature along a winding riverfront. Live in cool new lofts or along traditional residential blocks. Discover unique places to sample the arts, beer, and music—or just hang out. Patronize cherished local retailers who have served the community for generations and then cross the street to learn new skills or share your creativity at innovative business start-ups and arts and innovation programs offered by local colleges. This rich mix sets the stage for Downtown to emerge both as a more vital common ground and as a new engine of economic opportunity for the entire Moorhead community.







GOALS



Highlights

- Authenticity
- Vibrance
- Equity and inclusivity
- Resilience
- Connectivity

Full Statement

Above all, Authentic—a center for our community whose public spaces, buildings, and institutions together celebrate the distinctive story of Moorhead's past, present, and unfolding future –made real by...

Vibrant – planned, programmed, and designed to offer the best of what 21st century urbanism can offer—made real by...

Equitable and inclusive – a Downtown that everyone in Moorhead calls "my Downtown"—made real by...

Resilient – a heart of the community that grows greener as it grows denser—made real by...

Connected – a place where residents, workers, visitors, students, and others can move around with—or without—a car—made real by...









Character – Use and Design



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Development opportunity

Development opportunity areas

Under-utilized parking lots

> Publicly-owned, including public/private

Recent investment

Primary opportunities at Mall, Woodlawn, 11th St.









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Transportation – Street Types



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Transportation – Parking Function and Usage



Parking Utilization



Largely underutilized along 8th and northwest of Mall

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Open Space – Priority Public Realm Opportunities



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