St. Paul Park Implementation Plan

This plan reflects the City of St. Paul Park’s policies and priorities in terms of its growth, development, and investment. However, in order to be an effective tool for planning between now and 2040, this plan needs to be implemented across the board when making decisions that impact the City’s form. This chapter outlines the ways in which the plan will be applied to future decision-making, and how its values will shape the City moving forward.

Implementation Tools

Review and Revision of Official Controls
The City’s current zoning map is included in the appendices of this document. In accordance with the requirements set by the Metropolitan Council, the City will be reviewing its zoning, subdivision, building regulation, and any other ordinance which may be in conflict with the proposals made by this document. These controls will be updated within nine months from the date of the plan’s official adoption by the city.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments
As one of the primary tools that the city will base its policy decisions upon, making sure that the Comprehensive Plan is accurate and supporting the best interests of the community over time will be important. After the formal review process, the city will need to continue to amend and modify this document, so that it remains a useful and applicable tool to the ever-changing needs of the community.

Capital Improvement Program and Schedule
State law requires that every City’s implementation plan include in it a Capital Improvement Program which shows how projects funding will be met. The CIP can help local officials to determine the best use of funds, and prioritize over the long-term. The City of St. Paul Park’s CIP is attached to this document as Appendix XX

Communication and Public Education
This document is going to have broad and long-lasting effects on the entire community of St. Paul Park. Given this, the city must strive to evaluate and improve the ways in which they engage their residents and business owners. By improving outreach, the city can attract more voices to the decision-making process, creating results that better fit the will of the community. This can be done through many different mediums: quarterly newsletters, social media, the city’s website and through active public engagement. Once initial outreach practices have been improved and more citizens are engaging in local government, the city can begin to focus on introducing more planning education opportunities.
Implementation Schedule

**Immediate Priorities**
- Amend Comprehensive Plan following official review
- Revise zoning and official controls
- Conduct a parks inventory
- Update the Business Subsidy Policy

**Short-Term Priorities**
- Explore possible locations for new parks and green space
- Begin targeted downtown revitalization plan
- Evaluate and improve inspection and enforcement practices
- Improve outreach methods

**First-Half Priorities**
- Implement downtown plan and encourage new business activity through grant programs
- Create new affordable housing for households at 30% of AMI near local job centers
- Examine development potential of Marina Mixed-Use area
- Examine potential transit growth areas and opportunities
- Support development of new life-cycle housing options
- Work with the County and adjacent communities to develop regional trails and bike paths
- Conduct 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

**Long-Term Priorities**
- Plan for development of low density residential areas along the river and to the south
- Continue to develop parks to serve new areas of the city
- Examine development potential of Marina Mixed-Use area
- Work with the County and adjacent communities to develop regional trails and bike paths
- Conduct 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update