



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

August 2025

Vision and Values

Just as one would not begin a trip without first identifying a destination, the planning process starts by defining the community's destination, the kind of place we want Medical Lake to be in 20 years. Citizens have expressed what they love about our community. They have specified what they want to keep, what they feel is missing, what they would like to change, and what they would like to prevent from happening. In listening to what citizens have said, broad areas of consensus emerged. These expressions of community values provide the basis for a shared vision of Medical Lake's future. The Vision Statement articulates expectations for the future, creating the basis for the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Officials Engage with Community

Members of the Periodic Update Steering Committee, the City Council, and the Planning Commission, and City staff are attending public events and parks and recreation activities, asking community members about the vision for future Medical Lake.

Future of ADUs in Medical lake

The Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1337 which requires jurisdictions to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs). An ADU is a small unit that is accessory to a single-family house. This could be a basement conversion, a new structure in the back yard, etc. Medical Lake's zoning code does not allow ADUs at this time so new code language will be proposed next year. You can hear an overview of the requirements in a presentation at the last Planning Commission meeting on YouTube.



Draft Vision Statement

The Comprehensive Plan endeavors to shape the City into the kind of place worth living, working, learning, and playing in all seasons of life by

- Nurturing Medical Lake's small-town charm and community spirit while honoring its history.
- Integrating the natural and built environment in a thoughtful and sustainable manner.
- Creating safe, walkable neighborhoods with accessible parks and housing for all.
- Establishing equitable access to resources, strong social connections, and a healthy environment.
- Encouraging a thriving economy through community partnerships and recreational tourism, with a focus on downtown revitalization.

Submit Your Comments

What do you think about the draft vision statement? We want to know! Follow this QR code or go to www.medical-lake.org/city-government/comprehensive-plan to submit your thoughts.



August PC Meeting Canceled

The August Planning Commission meeting has been canceled. Please tune in again on **September 25th**.

Watch meetings live or later at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMedicalLake>