

Burien 2044: Values & Vision

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This document provides a framework for the discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Values and Vision Statements. An early draft of the Comprehensive Plan structure is shared below along with definitions of terms. On following pages are draft Values and Visions that draw from the Visioning results in fall 2022, updated with City staff edits, and brought to the Advisory Committee (AC) on January 25, 2023. This version shows suggestions from AC members in tracked changes.

Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Structure

Elements	Broad to Detailed
Chapters 0 Vision & Plan Introduction 1 Equity 2 Land Use 3 Transportation 4 Housing and Human Services 5 Economic Development 6 Community Health and Wellbeing 7 Sustainability/Stormwater 8 Parks, Recreation, & Culture 9 Capital Facilities/Utilities	In each element: ▶ Our [Element] Vision ▶ Introduction ▶ Conditions & Trends ▶ Our [Element] Plan ▶ Goals & Policies ▶ Implementation

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    A[Values & Vision] --> B[Goals]
    B --> C[Policies]
    C --> D[Monitoring: Metrics]
          
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Definitions

- ▶ **Values** are core principles or beliefs. They are cross-cutting statements that support multiple elements.
- ▶ A **vision statement** describes Burien’s shared aspirations for its best future regarding the community’s physical and economic development and social wellbeing.
- ▶ A **goal** states intentions or aims. It is generally not quantifiable.
- ▶ A **policy** is a principle, protocol, or proposal for action that implements a related goal.

Core Values

Equitable

People of all backgrounds ~~and cultures~~ are provided full and ~~equitable~~ ~~equitable~~ access to ~~opportunities, power, and resources to~~ achieve their full potential and to thrive. ~~Burien acknowledges that past inequitable planning led to injustices we have today.~~

Prosperous

Burien fosters ~~an economic environment that provides~~ opportunities ~~and resources~~ for ~~all kinds of~~ businesses ~~of all sizes~~ that provide a wide range of jobs, goods, ~~and services, and~~ ~~cultural connections~~ that enrich the lives of people now and into the future.

Fiscally Responsible

City government ~~stewards~~ ~~carefully manages~~ public resources; ~~policies consider~~ ~~weighs~~ fiscal impacts ~~and with~~ City priorities, and ~~programs~~ ~~delivers~~ high quality services that are supported by sustainable levels of staff and funding.

Environmentally Sustainable

Burien ~~supports~~ ~~invests in~~ ~~policies, practices, and systems that serve to~~ ~~improving the~~ ~~health of natural systems,~~ ~~reduc~~ ~~ing~~ greenhouse gas emissions ~~and pollution,~~ ~~improve~~ ~~ecological functions,~~ and ~~increas~~ ~~ing~~ our ability to adapt to future climate impacts.

Resilient

The Burien community cultivates social networks, infrastructure, and economic systems that are resilient to economic or political disturbances, natural disasters, and climate change.

Safe

~~People in~~ Burien ~~aims for people are to be~~ safe from physical harm, theft, violence, harassment, ~~discrimination,~~ pollution, and natural hazards in ~~our~~ ~~community~~ ~~community~~ ~~community~~ ~~their homes, on streets and trails, in parks and other~~ ~~public places, and at places of work or worship.~~

Innovation

~~Burien is not afraid to try new methods and embraces creative solutions, including~~ ~~responsibly adapting to and leveraging ever-changing technology.~~

Commented [CS1]: Replace with diverse

Commented [RM2R1]: "all kinds of" was suggested by an AC member; seemed to resonate and uses plain language. "Diverse" can have multiple meanings. The addition of "cultural connections" also covers some of the "diverse" meanings.

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Commented [CS4]: Support the name for this value

Commented [CS5]: Leave stewards instead of changing it to "carefully manages"

Commented [RM6R5]: Seemed like many others were getting tripped up with "stewards" since it can so often be a noun. Kept "carefully manages"

Commented [SB7]: Innovation statement to be included

Commented [RM8R7]: (Added in version that went to AC following meeting)

Commented [CS9]: Strike out... and change "improve", "reduce", and "increase" to "improving", "reducing", and "increasing" respectively

Commented [RM10R9]: Simplified sentence as suggested.

Commented [SB11]: Greenhouse gas emissions, "improve ecological functions", and increase... Pollution not necessary. I think "improve ecological functions" is an appropriate phrase

Commented [RM12R11]: Coverable "ecological functions" with "health of natural systems" which is more plain language. Kept "pollution" as that was a suggestion from other AC members and air quality is a critical issue in Burien.

Commented [SB13]: Discrimination?

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Vision Statements

Guiding Vision

Burien aims to be a prosperous, equitable, sustainable, resilient, innovative, and safe community where people of diverse backgrounds lead fulfilling lives with friends and family, business and work opportunities satisfying work, and rich cultural activities. As the city grows, quality of life improves for current and future residents.

Land Use



Growth in Burien contributes to the vibrancy of downtown and neighborhood centers, supports local businesses, increases housing opportunities for all, improves community and cultural spaces, and supports a healthy environment for the city and the region.

Community Health and Wellbeing



Burien's physical environment and social programs allow community members to weather challenges, live healthy and hopeful lives, and develop and maintain positive human interactions. Homes, businesses, recreation, cultural arts, and schools offer culturally relevant ways way to access find healthy food options, interact spontaneously, build trust amongst neighbors, and gather together.

Housing



All types of homes are affordable, abundant, safe and accessible to all Burien residents—now and in the future—regardless of income, race, family structure, household size, personal ability, or and life stages.

Transportation



People get around Burien safely and comfortably by walking, biking, rolling, riding transit, or driving. Transportation assets including streets, sidewalks, bike facilities, and trails are well-maintained, connected, and vibrant community spaces that enrich public life, health, and the environment. Transportation decisions are made equitably to prioritize investments for those who have the least access.

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Commented [CS16]: Add the word innovative

Commented [CS17]: Strike "satisfying work" as it feels awkward and in my opinion covered by leading a fulfilling life. While I certainly hope people's work is satisfying/fulfilling I don't want to see work referenced in a guiding vision. Perhaps under the economic development element would be more appropriate. I also don't know if rich cultural activities needs to be mentioned. Seems to be implied by having people from diverse backgrounds. I would end the sentence after the word family.

Commented [RM18R17]: Edited to focus on job opportunities and access to them
Culture came up multiple times as a guiding principle, so keep that part.

Commented [19]: recommend removing these words as they should be implied as city/region specific in the plan already.

Commented [SB20]: Recreation and cultural arts

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Commented [22]: I would recommend adding a piece acknowledging racial equity in the "regardless of..." part of the sentence

Commented [CS23]: "Or life stage"

Commented [CS24]: I like the new structure. I hope the intent is for the chapters on Transportation and Parks, Recreation, and Culture to be the new Transportation Master and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space plans respectively. I think for our plan to be truly comprehensive it makes more sense to have these subsidiary plans incorporated directly instead of being external references. For that reason, I hope the plans adopted by reference in subsection 1.2.1 of the current plan, as well as the material included as appendices to the current plan (including the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan and any still-relevant material in the SEPA appendices) can be incorporated as well. As the Highline School District is a separate government, its fine to include that plan as an appendix though it might be preferable to just reference it and link to wherever they host their current version. For the Salmon Creek neighborhood plan, as well as Ambaum Boulevard Park and any future area plans I would suggest adding those as chapters 10+. The strategic plan can also be left out as that's primarily a council document.

Commented [CS25]: Replace with "Burien is easily accessible to all regardless of their method of transportation."

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Parks and Open Space



Community members have equitable access to high quality and safe parks, recreation, ~~or~~and cultural facilities in their neighborhoods. This allows for increased walkability and more access to active recreation, passive gathering spaces, trees and natural spaces, water, public art, events, and cultural activities that reflect the changing needs and desires of Burien's population.

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Sustainability / Stormwater



Burien is a climate-mitigating-smart and climate-resilient community that protects its natural environment, improves the health of our watersheds, and expands social services to ensure environmental justice and equity as we transition to a carbon-free world. Tree canopy, natural areas, watersheds, and green infrastructure are protected and enhanced over time. Negative environmental impacts such as exposure to sea level rise, flooding, air ~~and noise~~ pollution, and urban heat effects are mitigated.

Commented [28]: feeling lukewarm about this term that feels fabricated

Commented [29]: recommend adding "noise pollution" to acknowledge another challenge Burien faces as an airport community

Capital Facilities / Utilities



Capital facilities and utilities are well-maintained, equitably distributed, efficiently managed, and sufficiently funded to support the daily needs of a thriving and growing city.

Economic Development



Burien's economic development landscape is welcoming and inclusive, supporting entrepreneurs and business owners as they start, build, and grow their companies. Burien's diverse businesses provide a well-balanced jobs market (including a full range of wages and skills), ample access to culturally relevant goods and services, and provide a strong revenue base for a growing city.