

City of Oak Ridge Comprehensive Plan

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

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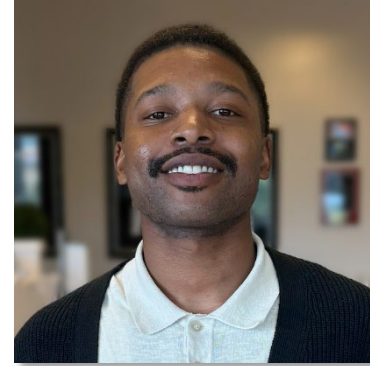
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Introductions

Introduce yourself and tell us...

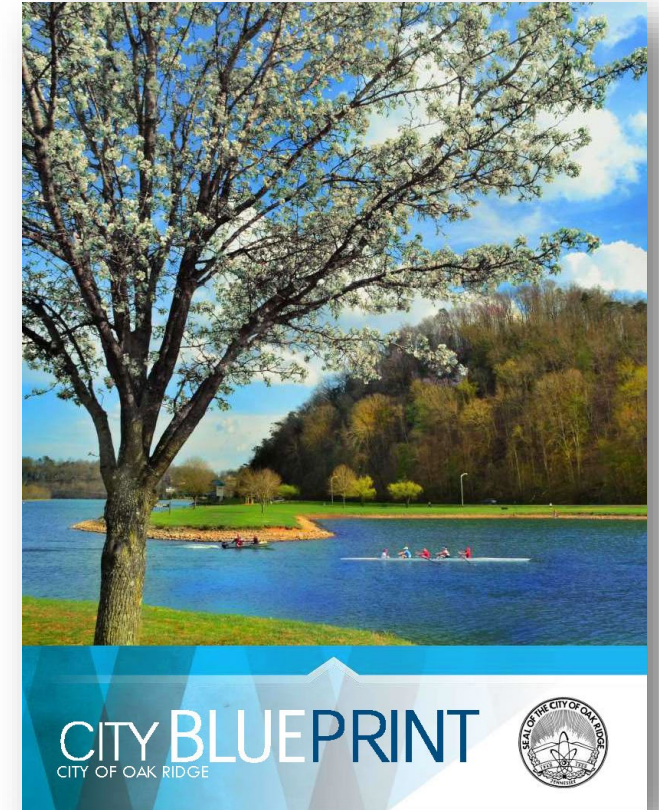
- Your Name
- How long have you been in Oak Ridge?
- What is one thing you hope this Plan will accomplish?

Overview of the Planning Process

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is:

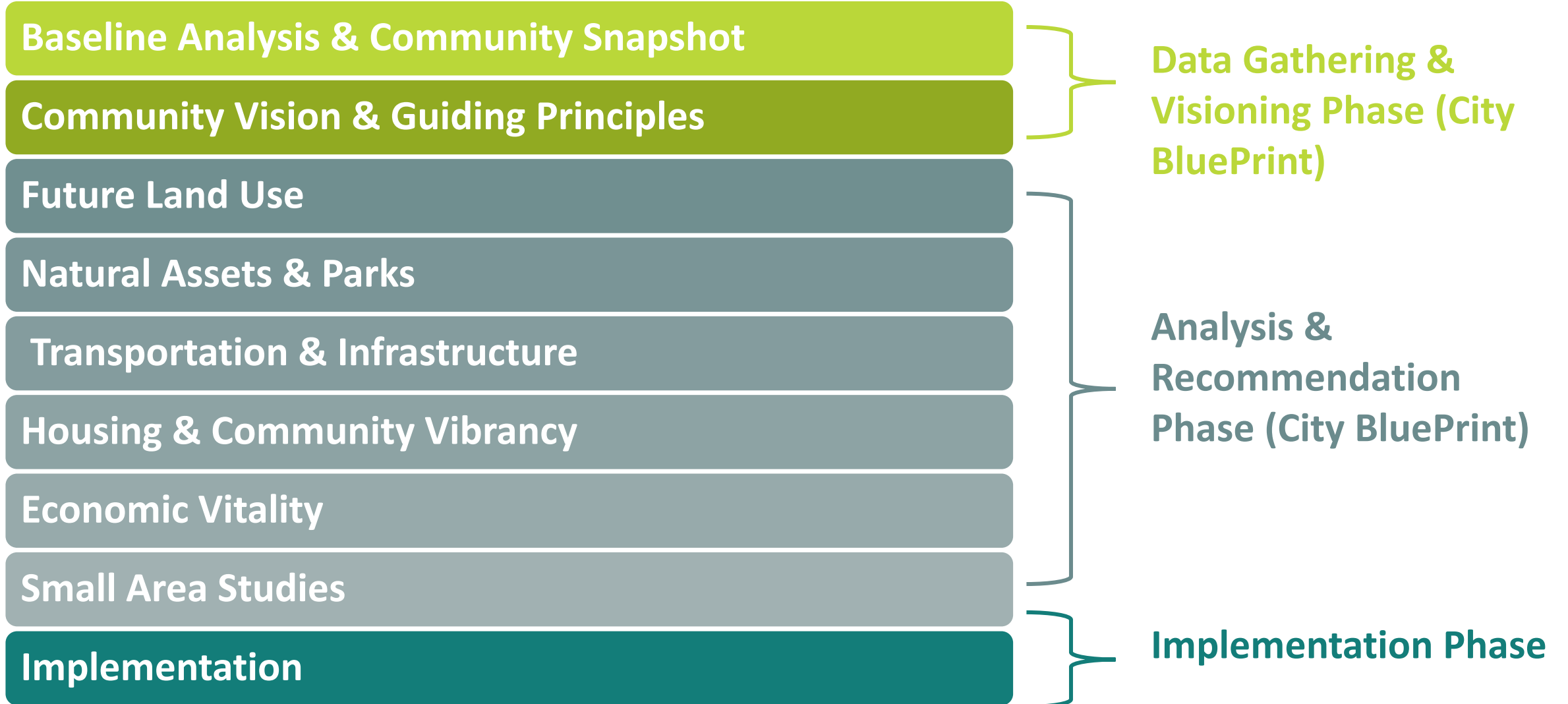
- Community's vision of the future
- Long-term statement that guides policy
- Basis for subsequent ordinances
- Tool for decision-making



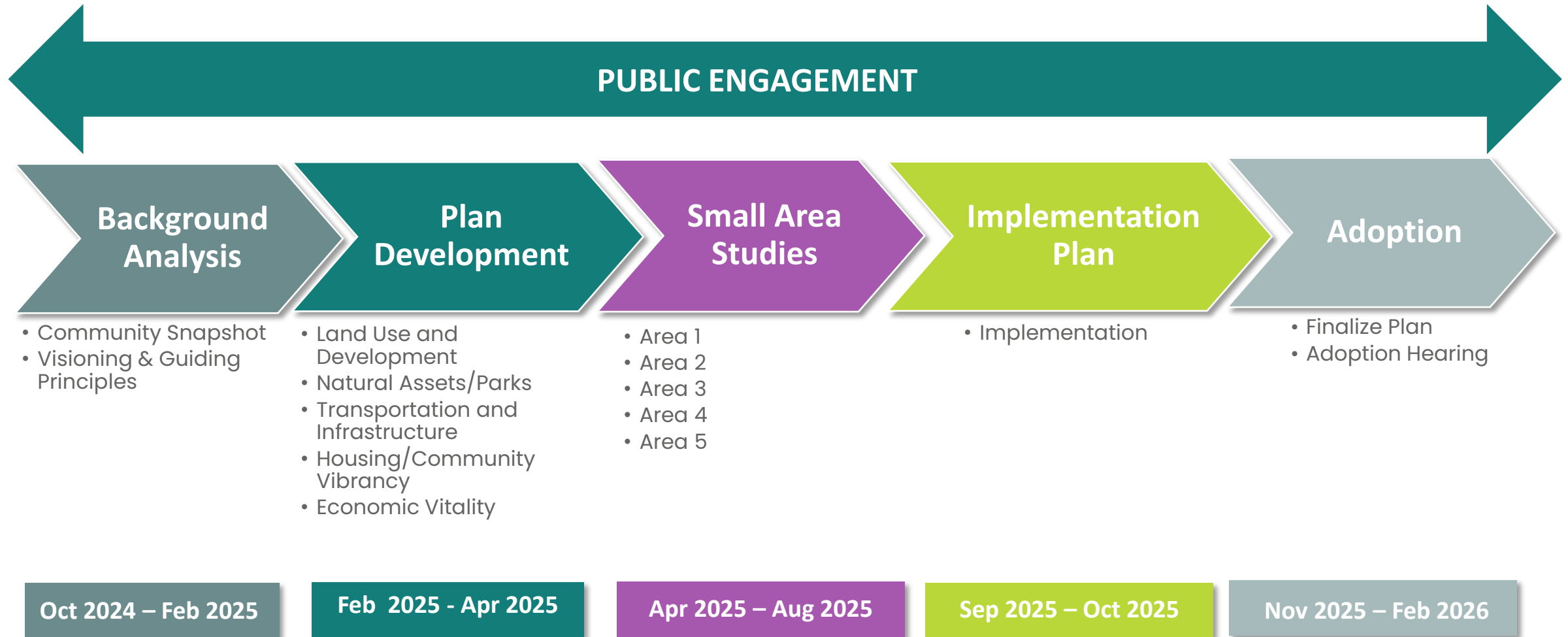
Future Land Use VS. Zoning

Future Land Use Map	Zoning
Purposes	
• Outlook for the future use of land and the character of development in the community. • Macro-level, general development plan.	• Basis for applying unique land use regulations and development standards in different areas of the City. • Micro-level, site-specific focus.
Uses	
• Guidance for City zoning and related decisions (zone change requests, variance applications, etc.). • Baseline for monitoring the consistency of actions and decisions with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.	• Regulating development as it is proposed, or as sites are proposed for the future (by the owner or the City) with appropriate zoning.
Inputs and Considerations	
• Inventory of existing land uses in the City. • Developing better area character and identity as a core planning focus along with basic land uses.	• Future land use map is referred to for general guidance. • Other community objectives, such as economic development, redevelopment, flood preservation, etc. • Zoning decisions that are not compliant with the FLUM will need to be updated or changed when the Comprehensive Plan is next updated.

Plan Elements



Schedule



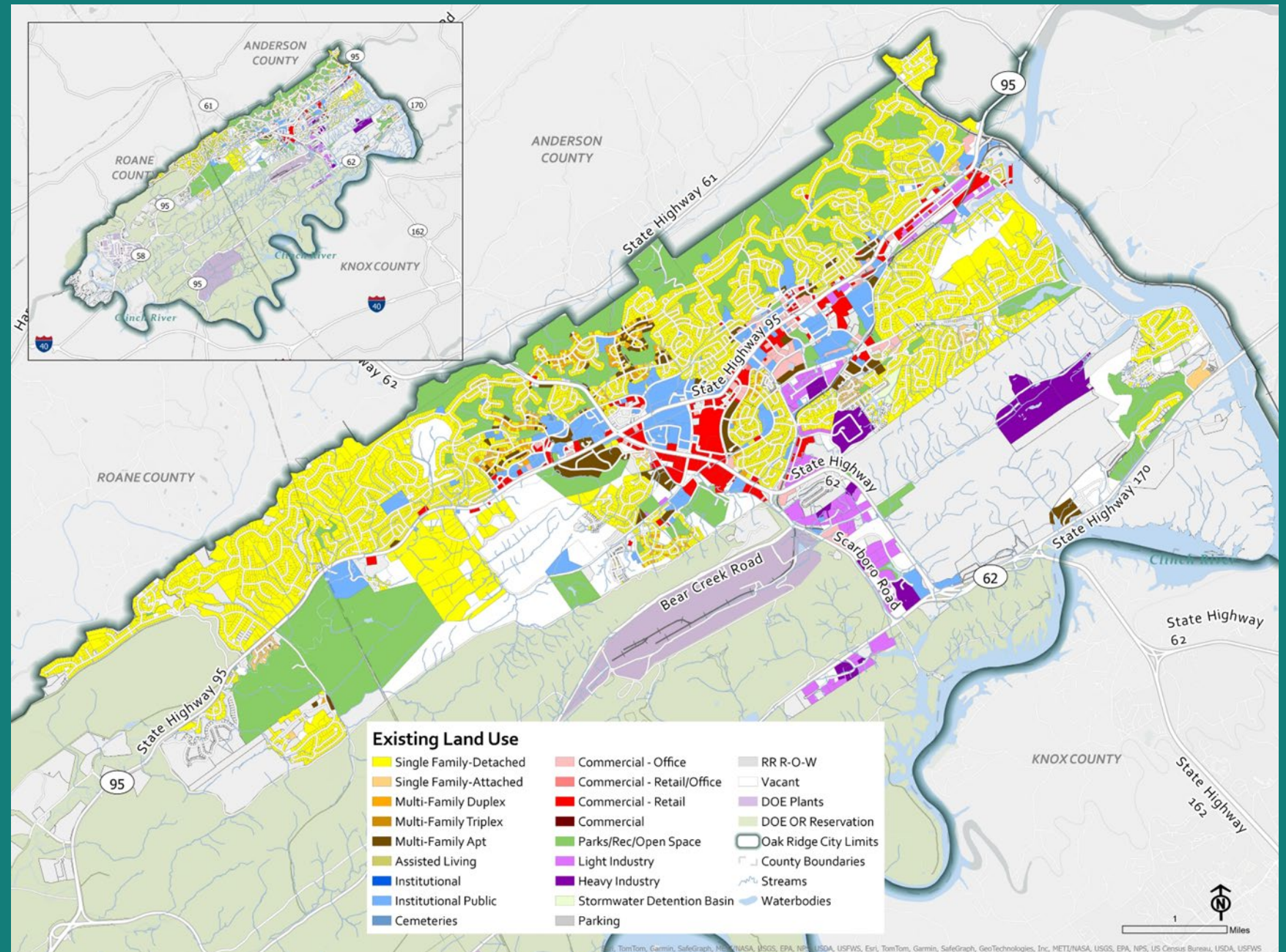
Community Snapshot & Context

Recent Planning Efforts

- City BluePrint (2019)
- Natural Assets Guidebook (2020)
- City Center 2030 Strategy (2018)
- Strategic Plan (2024)



Existing Land Use Map



Vision Exercise

Comprehensive Plan Structure

Vision

Guiding Principles

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Policies, Actions, and Capital Projects

BluePrint Vision

- City BluePrint (2017-2019)
- Planning Commission confirmed the vision is still valid
- Vision: *Grow Oak Ridge*
 - Smart growth
 - Optimize existing infrastructure
- Values
 - Science/ Technology Heritage
 - Public Education Commitment
 - Natural Asset importance

Current BluePrint Objectives

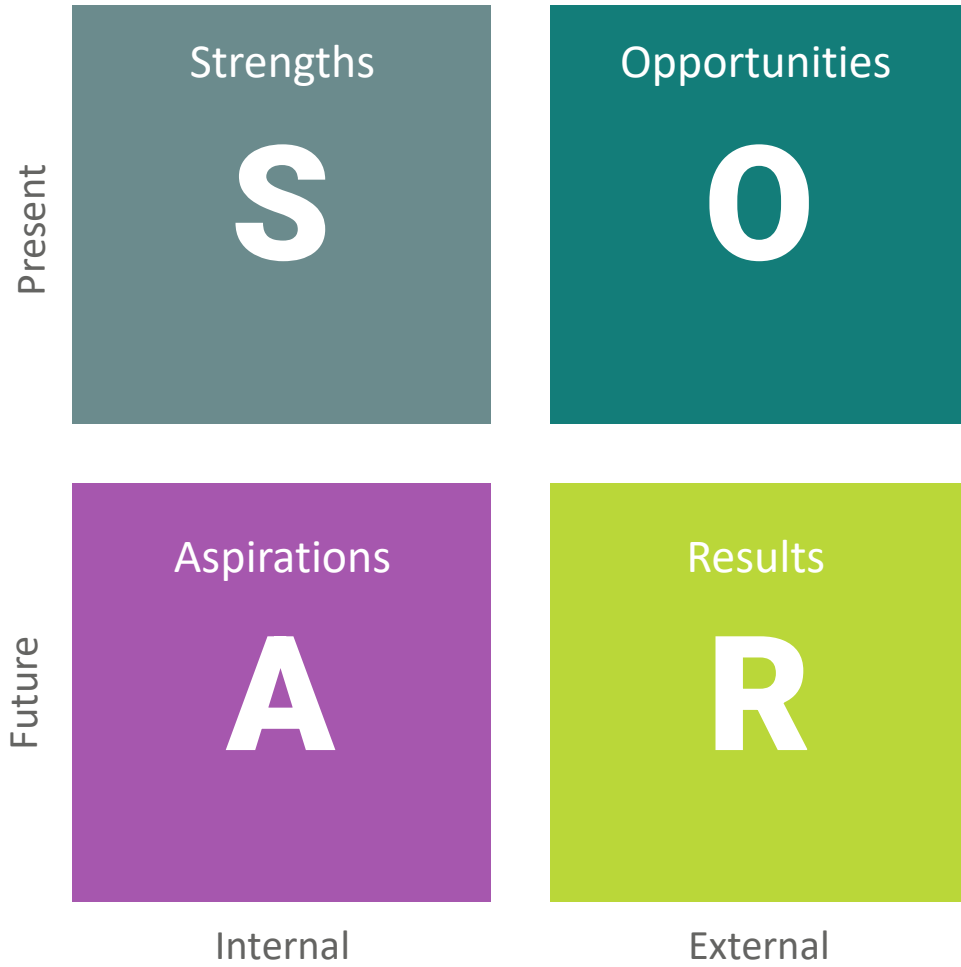
1. **Economic Vitality & Sustainable Growth:** Create fertile ground for sustainable, healthy population growth by diversifying our economic and employment base and expanding quality housing choices.
2. **Housing & Healthy Neighborhoods:** Improve our housing stock to broaden choices, increase ownership opportunities, and enhance our regional market position, which will increase housing values and tax base.
3. **Recreation & Natural Assets:** Maintain and expand a beautiful and healthy natural environment with recreational assets that are accessible to everyone.

Current BluePrint Objectives

4. **Land Use & Infrastructure:** Promote development patterns that encourage a mix of land uses, efficient infrastructure, and preservation of open space in order to support a range of housing, employment, and transportation options.
5. **Transportation & Mobility:** Provide a safe, attractive, and accessible network of mobility by improving vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
6. **Livability & Community Vibrancy:** Foster characteristics and outcomes that create an attractive, safe, creative, welcoming community with a strong sense of being uniquely Oak Ridge!

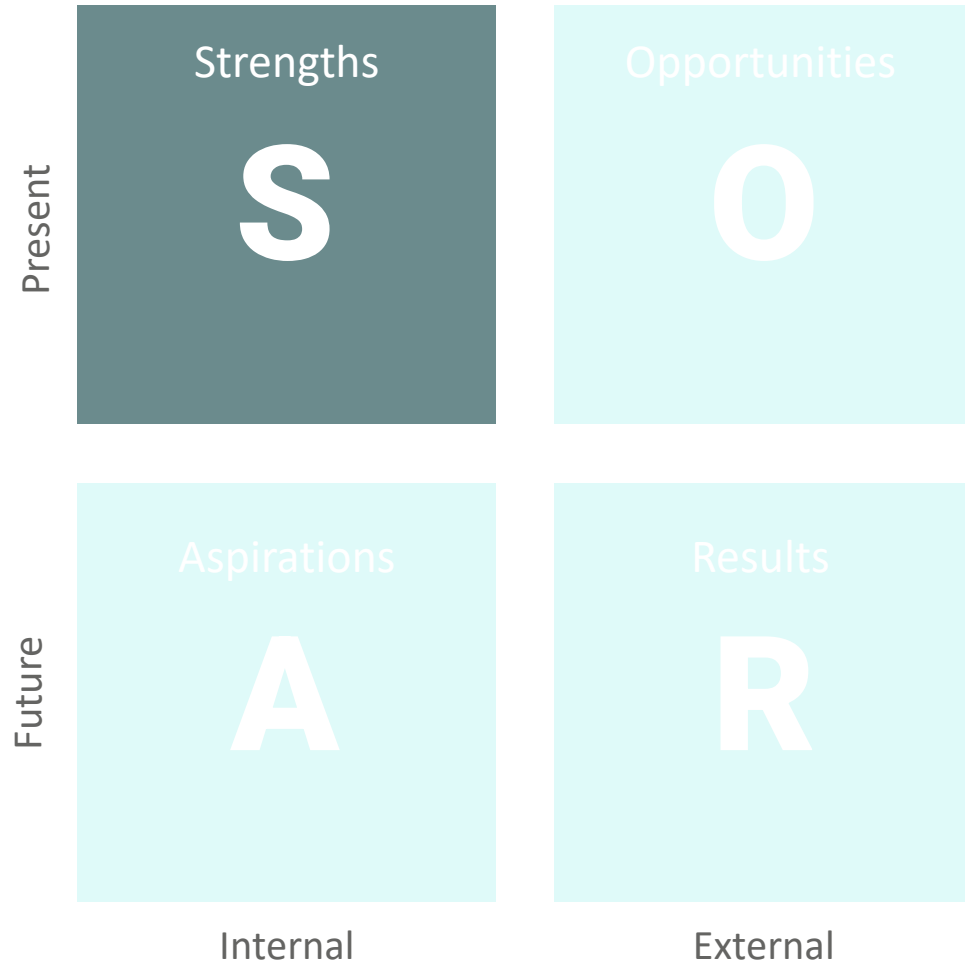
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- **Strengths**
 - What existing conditions are the community's greatest assets?
- **Opportunities**
 - What current conditions should be built upon in the future?
- **Aspirations**
 - What is important to the community and what is the vision for the future?
- **Results**
 - What does success look like and how do we know the vision has been achieved?

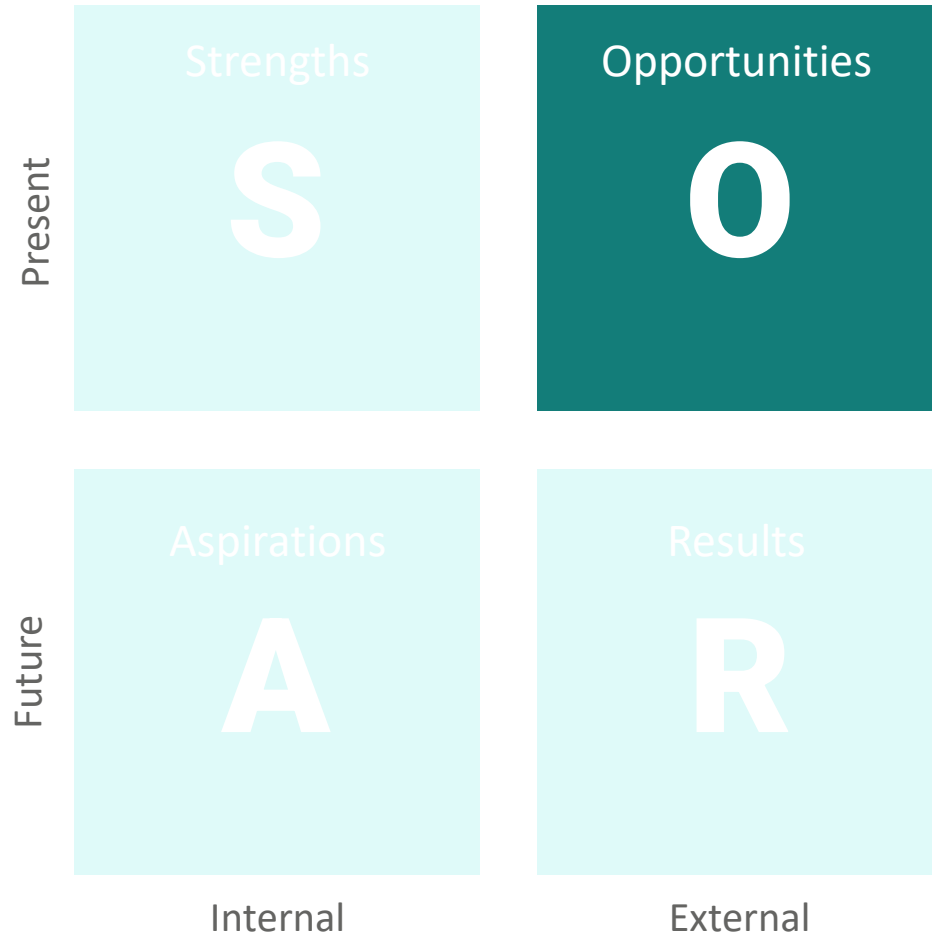
Strengths



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- What are Oak Ridge's greatest assets?
- What makes Oak Ridge unique?
- What are your favorite places?

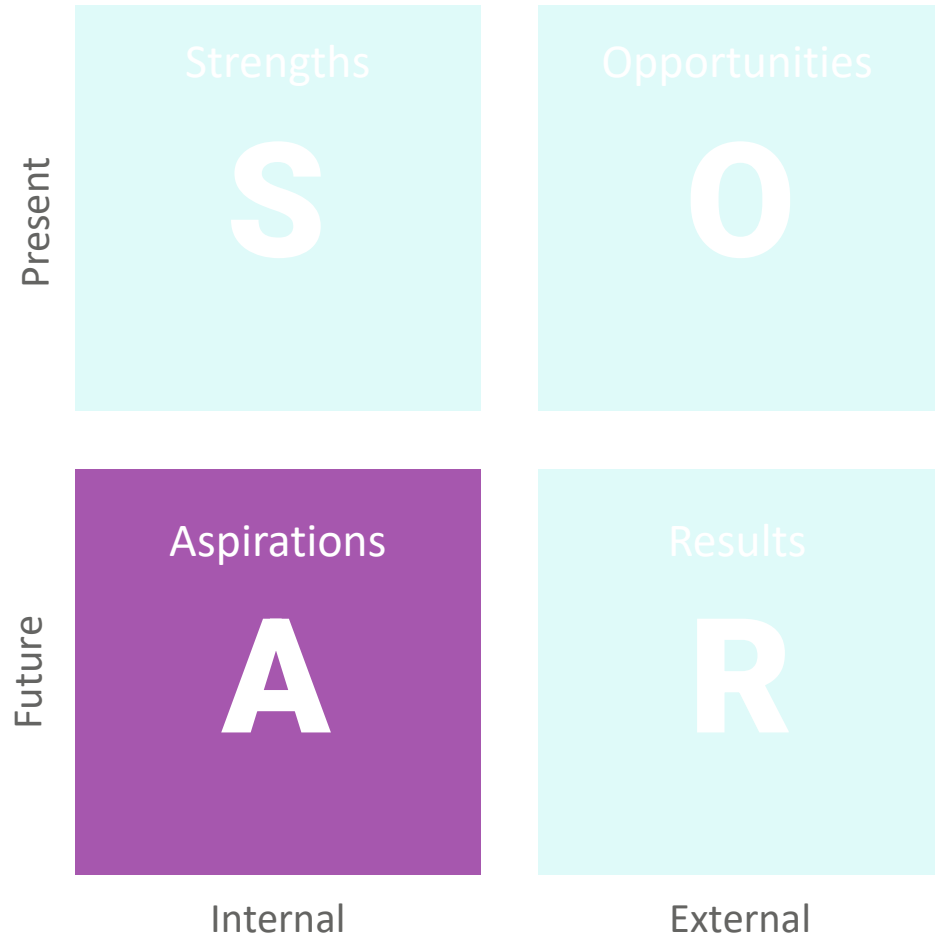
Opportunities



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- What current conditions should be built upon?
- In what areas can Oak Ridge grow or improve?

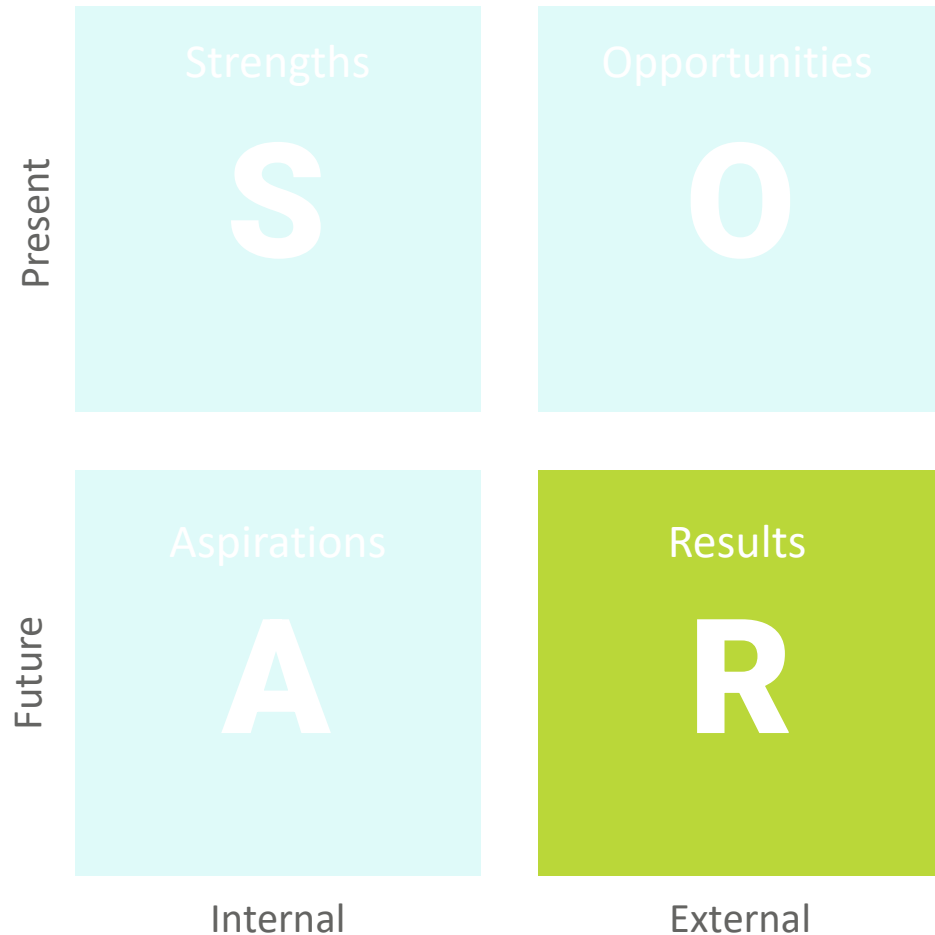
Aspirations



Aspirations

- What is important to the community?
- What should change in the future?
- What features or elements are missing?

Results



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- What does success look like in 10-20 years?
- How do we know the vision has been achieved?

Next Steps

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- Continuing public engagement
- Virtual Community Meeting – **Stay Tuned!**
- Online Survey – **Coming Soon!**
- Beginning Baseline Analysis

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