

City of Oak Ridge Comprehensive Plan Survey



The City of Oak Ridge is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will help the City maintain its character, enhance the quality of life for its residents, and support economic development. The Comprehensive Plan will serve as the City’s road map for the next 20 years. The City Council, Planning Commission, and City Staff will use the Plan to make important land use, budgeting, and development decisions.

This Comprehensive Plan update will include specific implementation steps and expand on the existing City Blueprint to help guide decisions related to future land use, neighborhood planning, transportation, infrastructure – and more!

However, one of the most important pieces of the process is you. Please give us your thoughts. As residents, students, employees, and visitors to Oak Ridge, you have important perspective and insight. Your feedback is critical and will help guide the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Before beginning the Comprehensive Plan work, the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission reviewed and confirmed that the primary ‘vision’ of the City Blueprint (developed from 2017-2019) is still valid and should be considered a jumping off point for the Comprehensive Plan. More than 1,800 ideas were collected from almost 1,000 people who attended public meetings and events in development of the City Blueprint. (see link to Blueprint on the homepage)

The clear message coming out of the Blueprint was a shared vision to Grow Oak Ridge primarily within or immediately adjacent to existing City services areas. This is intended to encourage efficient service delivery and walkability in close proximity to existing development.

Residents emphasized a desire to be “Uniquely Oak Ridge.” This uniqueness is built on the identified ‘values’ of the Blueprint, which included:

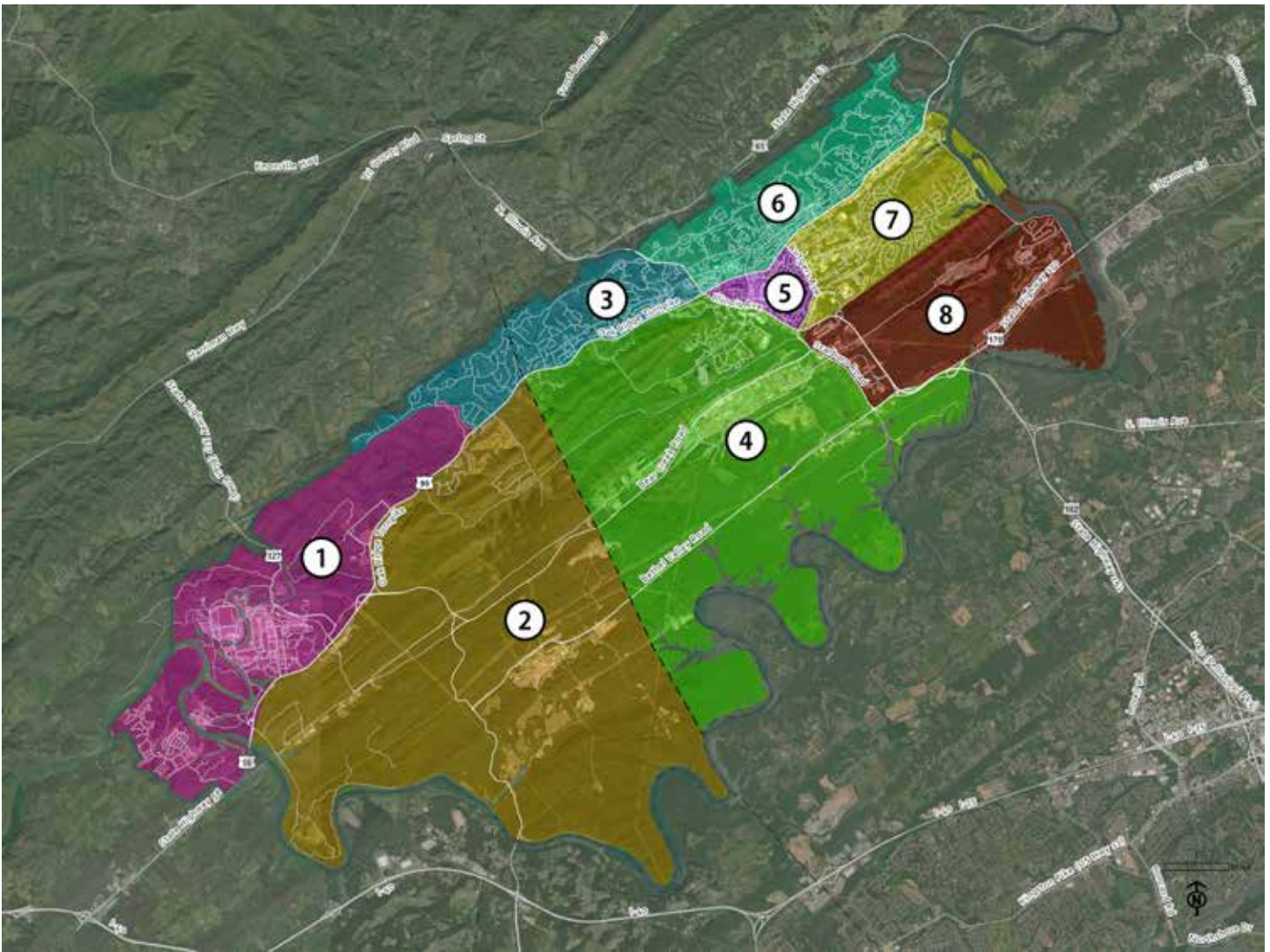
- the importance of our foundation of science and technology,
- our commitment to public education, and
- the importance of our natural assets like greenbelts, waterways, and trails.

1. What would you add to this Vision for the future of Oak Ridge, if anything?

2. What are some things you would consider to be “uniquely Oak Ridge”?

3. Did you participate in the City Blueprint process?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No



Refer to the map above when answering the following two questions.

4. Where in the City do you live?

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| ☐ 1 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 7 |
| ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 8 |
| ☐ 3 | ☐ 6 | ☐ I live outside Oak Ridge city limits |

5. Where in the City do you work?

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| ☐ 1 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 7 |
| ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 | ☐ 8 |
| ☐ 3 | ☐ 6 | ☐ I work outside Oak Ridge city limits |
| | | ☐ Not applicable |

6. How long have you been a resident of Oak Ridge?

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| ☐ Less than 2 years | ☐ 6 to 10 years | ☐ Over 20 years |
| ☐ 2 to 5 years | ☐ 11 to 20 years | ☐ I live outside Oak Ridge city limits |

7. Growth is an important part of how communities maintain financial stability and capacity to invest in public infrastructure and amenities. How much do you support population growth in Oak Ridge?

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| ☐ Strongly support | ☐ Support | ☐ Do not support |
| ☐ Somewhat support | ☐ Little support | ☐ Unsure/No opinion |

8. A study a few years ago showed that approximately 20,000 people commuted into Oak Ridge for work every day. What do you think would help keep them in Oak Ridge and encourage them to become residents? *(check all that apply)*

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| ☐ Incentives to repair existing housing | ☐ More retail and shopping options |
| ☐ More new housing | ☐ More restaurants and entertainment |
| ☐ Better parks and public spaces | ☐ New activities for kids |

9. While this plan is not asking for money, public improvements cost money. What types of improvements would you most like to see your tax dollars or public funds go towards? *(check all that apply)*

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| ☐ Parks and recreation | ☐ Affordable housing construction |
| ☐ Sidewalks (new and repairs) | ☐ City-wide beautification |
| ☐ Public transit system/micro transit/ride share | ☐ Encouraging private development
(e.g., creating a downtown) |
| ☐ School construction | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Public art | _____ |
| ☐ Existing housing rehabilitation | _____ |

The following demographic questions are optional.

10. How old are you?

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| ☐ Under 18 | ☐ 25 to 34 | ☐ 45 to 54 | ☐ 65 to 74 |
| ☐ 18 to 24 | ☐ 35 to 44 | ☐ 55 to 64 | ☐ 75+ |
| ☐ Prefer not to answer | | | |

11. How would you identify your gender?

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| ☐ Male | ☐ Nonbinary | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
| ☐ Female | ☐ Transgender | ☐ Not listed (specify): |
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12. Which best describes your race/ethnicity? *(check all that apply)*

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| ☐ White | ☐ Two or more races |
| ☐ Black or African American | ☐ Hispanic or Latino |
| ☐ American Indian and Alaska Native | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
| ☐ Asian | ☐ Other (describe): |
| ☐ Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | |
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13. Do you own or rent your home?

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| ☐ Own | ☐ Rent | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
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14. What is your annual household income?

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| ☐ \$0-\$29,999 | ☐ \$60,000-\$89,999 | ☐ \$150,000+ |
| ☐ \$30,000-\$59,999 | ☐ \$90,000-\$149,999 | ☐ Prefer not to answer |

Thank you for taking the time to take this survey to help shape the future of Oak Ridge. We want you to stay involved! Please visit the project website at the QR code or www.OakRidgeTN.gov/ComprehensivePlan for more information about the project and to learn about upcoming engagement events.

