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The Action Plan identifies the major City-initiated policy, regulatory, and programmatic steps Louisville should take over the next ten years to implement the Comprehensive Plan’s vision, values, and goals. It highlights a focused set of high-impact initiatives such as updates to plans, codes, policies, and engagement practices. These items are strategic and do not include specific capital projects, which are addressed through separate plans, capital improvement programs, and City budgeting. While the strategies throughout the Comprehensive Plan provide broad direction, the Action Plan offers a clear roadmap for near- and mid-term implementation and should be reviewed and updated approximately every five years to remain responsive to community needs.

Action Item	Summary	Why It’s Important	Responsibility	Timeline
Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Long Range Plan Update	Update and implement the City's Parks and Recreation and Open Space Department priorities for the next 10+ years.	Maintains the City’s high level of service for parks, open space, recreation, senior services, and golf. Preserves and restores habitat to protect existing wildlife and preserve the existing user experience.	Parks and Recreation	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Development Code Update	Comprehensively update Louisville Municipal Code Titles 16–17 to modernize zoning and development standards and processes to support economic vitality, sustainability, natural hazard resilience, and housing diversity and affordability, including an update to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.	Implements plan goals through clear, predictable regulations; increases resilience and quality of development.	Community Development	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Design Standards and Guidelines Updates	Update the City’s design standards and guidelines—including Commercial, Mixed Use, Industrial, and the Downtown Design Handbook—and consider creating new Multifamily Design Standards and Guidelines. These updates should occur in tandem with the development code update to ensure consistency across all regulations.	Provides clear, modern, and predictable design expectations; improves development quality; supports housing goals and compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods; and ensures alignment between zoning rules and design guidance.	Community Development	Near Term (1–3 yrs)

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Development Impact Fees Updates	Review and adjust fees to ensure development contributes proportionally to infrastructure and service costs to enhance quality of life.	Maintains fiscal sustainability for a high quality of City services, programs, events, public spaces, and equitable growth.	Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Cultural Services	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Utility System Plan Updates	Incorporates new growth projections into recent utility strategies to enhance resilience and support long term infrastructure needs.	Ensures continued reliable service delivery and infrastructure adaptation to evolving climate risks.	Public Works	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Community Engagement Framework	Develop a standing program for inclusive engagement on major city projects that impact the community.	Keeps community involved and builds trust in planning decisions.	Communications, Community Development	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Downtown Vision Plan Implementation	Advance downtown improvements in public areas and mobility projects that enhance safety and vibrancy.	Supports economic vitality, beautification, placemaking, and opportunities for community connections downtown.	Public Works, Community Development	Near Term (1–3 yrs)
Sustainability Action Plan Updates	Refresh climate, energy, and waste goals and integrate resilience strategies from the Comprehensive Plan.	Reinforces community leadership in sustainability and climate adaptation.	Sustainability	Medium Term (3-5 yrs)
Transportation Plan Updates	Align transportation investments with land use, safety, and climate goals.	Reduces emissions, improves mobility options, and supports connected neighborhoods.	Community Development, Public Works	Medium Term (3-5 yrs)
Housing Plan Updates	Refresh Housing Plan needs assessment and responsive action items to address housing goals.	Addresses one of the community's top priorities by responding to changing market conditions.	Community Development	Medium Term (3-5 yrs)
Future 42 Implementation	Coordinate corridor improvements with regional partners to improve safety, transit, and design character.	Key multimodal and economic link for Louisville and the region.	Public Works, Community Development	Medium Term (3-5 yrs)