

Community Development

Who are we?

Community Development works collaboratively with residents and businesses to help the community grow and prosper:

- Planning and economic development
- Building inspections
- Neighborhood services

Where are we now?

- Using data, community input, and peer community review to inform our economic development strategic framework.
- Assessing housing and commercial property infrastructure.
- Enhancing customer experiences with online permitting and mobile app inspections.

Where are we now?

- Implementing enhancements to the rental licensing program to ensure safe and quality housing.
- Implementing neighborhood services model to focus on outreach and education for residents and neighborhoods.



Where are we going?

- Support economic development in Burnsville.
- Support investments in housing.
- Focus on our services to the community.

Support economic development

We will:

- Complete economic development strategic framework and begin implementing the economic development strategies.
- Update the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.

Support investments in housing

We will:

- Complete the housing and commercial property inventory.
- Develop and implement programs for local affordable housing aid.



Service to the community

We will:

- Continue to implement a neighborhood services model.
- Implement improvements to the development review process.
- Change the protective inspections team to building safety division.

Current challenges

- Outdated and cumbersome zoning regulations create barriers for residents and businesses and take significant staff time to administer.
- Aging housing infrastructure creates safety and property maintenance issues for some multi-family properties.

Current challenges

- Increase number of requests for assistance with neighborhood disputes.
- Increase specialization in building inspection services.



How will we use our resources?

- Provide excellent service to the community through efficient use of positions.
- Prioritize employee engagement.



How will we use our resources?

- Provide materials and equipment that people need to do their work right.
- Encourage growth and development of all employees through training and professional development.

