Journey to Destination

Webster Groves Conversations



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WG Conversations

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Journey to Destination WG

- **Strategic Roadmap:** Outlines long-term vision and growth strategy for a community.
- Guidance for Development: Informs City decisions on land use and zoning.
- **Community Vision:** Captures public input, values, and goals.
- **Policy and Direction:** Sets policies and direction, not specific development plans.
- **Evolving:** Flexible to evolve with the community's changing needs.



Journey to Destination WG

Create a community-led future vision supported by local stakeholders and partners

use strategy that balances growth and economic development with community character

Develop a clear

and concise land

Guide to **capital planning and reinvestment** through a variety of initiatives Integrate collaborative problem-solving rooted in sound analysis and an energetic community engagement process

Break down aspirational goals into **achievable implementation strategies** including methods for measuring progress

> Improve Community understanding and awareness of future needs and provide an opportunity to empower local leadership

Develop long-range subarea plans that shape the growth, development, and preservation of Webster Groves.



What's the Timeline?



PHASE 1

Engage & Assess.

Build a solid foundation of knowledge based on planning analyses and robust community engagement.

PHASE 2

Envision.

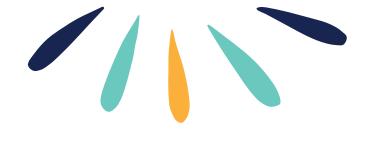
Test ideas and define a unified community driven vision that crosses multiple planning principles and themes.



PHASE 3

Plan & Implement.

Develop a framework of strategies to achieve the unified vision. Define a roadmap for implementation.



Join the Journey!

Webster Groves vision becomes a reality through the contribution of every resident. Your effort and collaboration are what brings our plan to life!

Conversations **Open Houses** Pop-Ups Surveys Open Mic & More



Planning Topics & Round Table Discussions



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS



DISTRICTS & PLACEMAKING





ECONOMIC VITALITY



SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION



SAFETY & WELLNESS



PARKS & OPEN SPACE





Housing & Neighborhoods

- 1. What initially attracted you to choose Webster Groves as your home? What keeps you here?
- 2. How do current housing options in Webster Groves align with your personal and community needs? What areas could improve?
- 3. What are the main housing challenges facing Webster Groves today?

Sustainability & Conservation

- 1. What type of sustainability initiatives should WG focus on to enhance quality of life?
- 2. How do Webster Groves parks, open spaces and recreational facilities promote health & wellness? What additional amenities do you want to see?
- 3. How do you see historic preservation and adaptive reuse as a part of Webster Groves' identity?



- 1. What types of retail stores, services, or businesses do you feel are currently missing in Webster Groves? What would you like to see more of in our community?
- 2. Where do you primarily go for shopping, dining, and entertainment?
- 3. What actions can WG take to create a more supportive environment for local businesses & entrepreneurs?

Districts & Placemaking

- 1. WG's business districts bring vibrancy and commercial activity to different areas of the community. What makes each stand out to you?
- 2. What are your thoughts on the current cultural amenities and community events and what more would you like to see?
- 3. In what ways do you envision WG utilizing its built environment to express its arts and cultural identity?







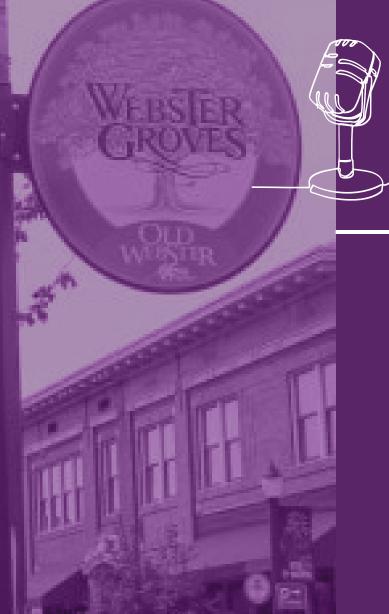
Pick Your Topic! 40-60 min





Open Mic! 20-30 min





> Open Mic

- 1. What makes Webster Groves special?
- 2. What is your vision for Webster Groves over the next 10 to 20 years?
- 3. Imagine Webster Groves in 2050: What's one defining feature you'd like to see?
- 4. What were three key takeaways from your discussions tonight?





- 1. Community Engagement Summary
- 2. Initial Observations
- 3. Existing Conditions Assessment
- 4. Community Workshop

5. Phase 2





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