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IMAGINE URBANA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT IS READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW!

After an extensive community engagement process, the City of Urbana's new long-term comprehensive plan, *Imagine Urbana*, is ready for review and public comment.

Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin stated, "When finalized, *Imagine Urbana* will serve as the City's guide for City policy, infrastructure, and planning decisions in the years ahead. It provides the framework to promote quality of life for residents through innovative, sustainable, and fiscally responsible growth and development."

The community is asked to review and comment on an online version of the *Imagine Urbana* draft at <u>online.encodeplus.com/regs/urbana-il</u> or by scanning the QR code below.



Copies of the *Imagine Urbana* draft are also available at The Urbana Free Library and the City of Urbana Clerk's Office at City Hall, 200 S. Vine Street, or by emailing ImagineUrbana@urbanaillinois.us for a pdf copy.

Senior Director of Integrated Strategy Development, Andrea Ruedi, encourages residents to provide their feedback on the draft Plan, "There will be ongoing opportunities this fall for the public to provide their input. In addition to providing public input at the Urbana Plan Commission Study Session at 7:00 pm. on Thursday, August 22, community members are invited to drop in at any of the six informal neighborhood meetings in September to find out what's in the plan, take a look at a map showing how different parts of the City should be developed over time, and tell City staff and officials what you think." Dates and times of the *Imagine Urbana* information sessions are below:

- Thursday, September 12: 25 O' Clock Brewing Co., 208 W. Griggs St. @ 6:00 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 13: Vineyard Church, 1500 N. Lincoln Ave. @ 7:00 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 18: ILEAS Training Center, 1701 E. Main St @ Noon 1:00 pm (light lunch as available)
- Wednesday, September 18: The Urbana Free Library, 210 W. Green St. @ 7:00 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 18: USD #116 Tiger Academy, 1106 S. Vine St. @ 6:00 7:00 pm
- Thursday, September 19: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2200 Philo Road @ 6:00 7:00 pm

After the Urbana Plan Commission Study Session on August 22, all future Plan Commission meetings will allocate time for discussing *Imagine Urbana* and gathering public input until the Plan is recommended to the Urbana City Council for approval.