



Planning and Development Committee Meeting Agenda

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**Monday, March 23, 2026
5:30 PM**

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council/Committee Meetings: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Public Speaking and City Council/Committee Agendas.

Meeting will be live streamed on Channel 17 and via this link:
<https://rockfordil.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Approval of the 2040 Future Land Use Map. [26-00318](#)
2. Approval of the proposed Funding Agreement with Phantom Regiment, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation located at 5608 International Dr. in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000 over two years (\$60,000 in 2026 and \$40,000 in 2027). The funding source is casino foundation funds. [26-00251](#)

III. ADJOURNMENT

THE CITY OF ROCKFORD INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. IF A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, PERSONAL P.A. SYSTEM, OR OTHER SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CALL THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT (779) 348-7391 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE, SO WE CAN BE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU.



Memorandum

To: Alderman Janessa Wilkins, Committee Chairman;
Members of the Planning and Development Committee

From: Colin Belle, Comprehensive Planning and Design Coordinator

Subject: Approval of the 2040 Future Land Use Map

Date: March 12, 2026

Staff from the Community & Economic Development Department recommends the approval of the proposed 2040 City of Rockford Future Land Use Plan.

The 2040 Future Land Use Plan refines the City's long-term development vision and aligns land use policy with the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Prepared by City staff using GIS analysis and current planning data, the update is intended to ensure that future land-use decisions support sustainable growth, economic opportunity, and continued improvements to quality of life.

The revised maps provide an updated and accurate foundation for guiding development review, zoning considerations, and infrastructure investment. Collectively, they support:

- Efficient growth within existing development corridors and infrastructure
- A diverse housing supply and balanced neighborhood development
- Business expansion and long-term economic resilience
- Preservation of community character and natural resources

This update establishes a clear, data-driven framework to guide coordinated land-use decisions, infrastructure planning, and future growth.

Property owners may continue their existing uses consistent with current zoning regulations. Any future change in zoning, land use entitlement, or development proposal would require a separate public review process in accordance with City procedures and state law.

The City will update the Future Land Use Map regularly and as needed to ensure it remains responsive to evolving conditions and planning objectives.

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:

Council Members:

The Committee on Planning and Development, to whom was referred the matter of the approval of the 2040 Future Land Use Map, hereby begs leave to report **recommending approval** of the request as recommended.

Janessa Wilkins (Chair)

Tim Durkee (Vice Chair)

Karen Hoffman

Jaime Salgado

Gina Meeks

Committee Action Taken: March 19, 2026

Wilkins: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___
Durkee: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___
Hoffman: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___
Salgado: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___
Meeks: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

City of Rockford

2040 Future Land Use Map & Plan

Planning & Development Committee
Recommendation for Adoption

City of Rockford | Department of Community & Economic Development

Prepared by City Staff
Using GIS data & 2025 Aerial Imagery

Planning Horizon
Through Year 2040

Amendment #1
2040 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

01

Project Background

Why this update was needed and how it was prepared

02

What the Map Is — and Is Not

Policy guide vs. regulatory document; no zoning changes

03

Land Use Categories

Updated definitions and new designations

04

Key Plan Themes

Growth, housing, economic development, infrastructure

05

Notable Changes

Significant updates from the previous 2011 map

06

Public Engagement

30-day comment period results and staff response

07

Next Steps

Committee recommendation and City Council adoption

1 | PROJECT BACKGROUND



Data Sources Used in This Update

- 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- 2024–2025 Winnebago County aerial imagery
- Current zoning shapefile
- U.S. Census block-level dwelling unit data
- Parcel ownership data
- Existing and planned utility infrastructure
- Boundary agreements
- Google Street View field verification

2 | WHAT THE MAP IS — AND IS NOT

✓ THE MAP IS...

- A long-range policy guide (through 2040)
- The City's vision for how land may evolve over time
- A tool to inform zoning reviews, infrastructure investment, and development proposals
- The first amendment to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- A framework for community discussion and coordinated decision-making

✗ THE MAP IS NOT...

- A zoning change
- Authorization for any development
- An alteration to existing land use entitlements
- A reduction of legally established property rights
- A mandate requiring property owners to redevelop or make changes to their property

Any future zoning change requires a separate public review process and formal City Council action.

3 | FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES

 Agriculture	 Commercial & Retail	 Future Urban Dev. (FUD)
 Industrial & Utilities	 Institutional	 Mixed Use Development
 Office	 Parks & Open Space	 Priority Acquisition
 Low Density Residential	 Medium Density Residential	 High Density Residential
 Technology Industry	 Transportation Facilities	 Water Resources

★ *New categories: Future Urban Development (FUD), Technology Industry, and Priority Acquisition*

4 | KEY PLAN THEMES

Guided Growth

- Direct development to existing corridors and infill areas
- Reduce urban sprawl and overextension of public services
- Support orderly, efficient use of infrastructure

Housing Diversity

- Single-family, townhomes, multifamily, and mixed-use
- 2024 Housing Needs Analysis projects several thousand additional units needed by early 2030s
- Workforce and attainable housing options

Economic Development

- Reinforce commercial, industrial & mixed-use corridors
- New Technology Industry designation for tech/R&D growth
- Support job attraction and workforce housing link

Infrastructure & Sustainability

- Align land use with transportation and utility investment
- Protect floodplains, greenways, and natural resources
- Coordinate capital planning with expected and planned growth patterns

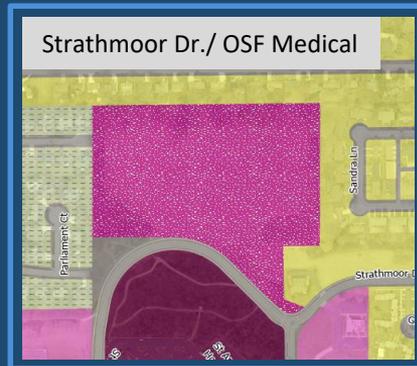
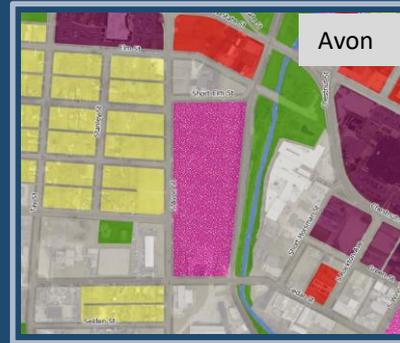
5 | NOTABLE CHANGES FROM THE 2011 MAP

- The previous map did not include water resources as a land use. The updated map includes hydrology with new detailed data that was developed by city staff. All waterways within the 100 year floodplain are included in the Future Land Use Map.



6 | NOTABLE CHANGES FROM THE 2011 MAP

- The Mixed-Use classification was refined, and additional areas of the City were identified as having high potential for mixed-use development. There are now over 25 areas designated as future mixed use.



7 | NOTABLE CHANGES FROM THE 2011 MAP

- Residential development was examined in detail due to numerous recent studies citing the need for a substantial number of new or repurposed units. The classifications were defined with greater specificity and given constraints based on the number of dwelling units per acre: low (0-3), medium (4-15) high (16+). The previous map had very little variation between the low, medium, and high designations.



8 | NOTABLE CHANGES FROM THE 2011 MAP

Methodology & Data Improvements

- This update utilized 2025 aerial photography at a much higher resolution than was available for the previous update allowing for higher accuracy and more detail.
- Analysis was conducted at the parcel level using GIS also resulting in more detail and accuracy compared to the previous map.
- Cross-reference with Google Street View, Census dwelling unit data, and utility infrastructure

Expanded Geographic Scope

- Now covers the unincorporated island portions of Winnebago County within the City and adjacent to the municipal boundary within the ultimate planning boundary
- Integrated housing component aligned with Comp. Plan and Housing Needs Analysis reports.

Housing Integration

- Tied to the 2024 Housing Needs Analysis & Market Study, projecting demand for several thousand additional housing units by early 2030's. The 2011 map had no such connection.
- Residential density categories are more formally structured and aligned with the City Zoning Ordinance (R-1, R-2, R-3/R-4)

Comprehensive Plan Alignment

- Directly tied to and serves as the ***first formal amendment to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan*** – adopted October 2023

Ongoing Maintenance and Update Framework

- The 2040 Future Land Use Map will be reviewed at least once a year to remain up-to-date and relevant. Additionally, amendments may be considered when circumstances warrant and when consistent with broader Comp Plan goals. Amendments are only approved through City Council. This flexibility allows the City to remain responsive while simultaneously maintaining a stable and predictable long-range planning tool.

9 | PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Process

- 30-day public comment period launched January 30, 2026
- Interactive Future Land Use Map made publicly accessible online
- Residents, businesses, and stakeholders invited to review and comment
- Comments submitted via email

Value of Public Input

- Ensures map reflects local priorities
- Highlights concerns not visible in data alone
- Strengthens transparency and community trust

Staff Response to Comments

- All comments reviewed and carefully considered
- Minor symbology modifications to several land use designations were modified to increase visibility.
- Limited adjustments to specific land use classifications following staff review
- No major changes were required

"All input received during the public comment period was reviewed and carefully considered and where applicable implemented into the Plan."

10 | NEXT STEPS & RECOMMENDATION

1

P&D Committee Review

Committee reviews the 2040 Future Land Use Map & Plan today and considers a recommendation for adoption

2

Committee Recommendation

Committee votes to recommend adoption to the full City Council

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City Council Adoption

Full City Council considers adoption — this becomes the 1st Amendment to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

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Ongoing Updates

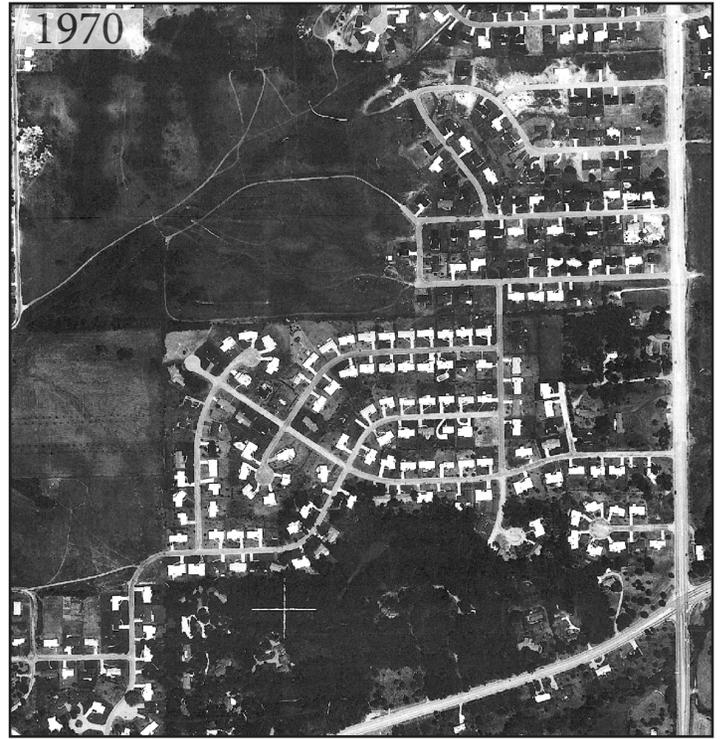
Map will be reviewed and updated periodically (anticipated annually) as conditions and data evolve

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2040 Future Land Use Map & Plan

Questions & Discussion

Planning & Development Committee | City of Rockford, Illinois



The 2026 Current Land Use Map and the 2040 Future Land Use Map and Plan refines Rockford's long-term development vision, aligning it with the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Prepared by City staff using GIS and current planning data, this update ensures land-use decisions support sustainable growth, economic opportunity, and continued quality of life improvements.

The revised maps provide an accurate foundation for guiding development, zoning updates, and infrastructure investments. Together, they support:

- Efficient growth within existing corridors and infrastructure
- Diverse housing and balanced neighborhood development
- Business expansion and economic resilience
- Preservation of community character and natural resources

This update provides Rockford with a clear, data-driven framework to guide coordinated land use, infrastructure investment, and future growth.

The 2040 Future Land Use Map was adopted by Rockford City Council on Date to be Determined.



Land Use Map Update

Overview

The City of Rockford's previous Future Land Use Map was developed in 2005 as part of a Comprehensive Plan update and has been amended periodically to reflect changes in development patterns and planning strategies. The most recent amendment occurred around 2011.

This current update has been prepared by City staff using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. In developing this update, staff considered multiple information sources, including the recently adopted 2040 City of Rockford Comprehensive Plan (2040 Plan), the current zoning shapefile, 2024 and 2025 aerial imagery for Winnebago County, Census-based dwelling unit data, parcel ownership data, existing and planned utility infrastructure, boundary agreements and other relevant planning resources.

As part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update, both the Current Land Use Map and the Future Land Use Map were updated. The Future Land Use Map will serve as the first amendment to the 2040 Comp. Plan and will be formally adopted by City Council.

The development of the Current Land Use Map provided a foundation for a seamless transition into the Future Land Use Map update. The previous Future Land Use Map had not been updated since 2011, and this current revision provides an updated framework to guide future development. This updated map is intended to support strategic growth, particularly in areas that are currently undeveloped or underdeveloped, that are planned for additional development within already established corridors or infill areas.



The updated Future Land Use Map aligns with the City's strategic goals by promoting sustainable development, optimizing infrastructure investment, supporting

economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. By providing a clear vision for land use patterns and growth priorities, this map serves as a critical tool for informed decision-making, ensuring that future development is consistent with the City's long-term planning objectives and community values.

Strategic Priorities

- **Guided Growth:** Identifies areas for future development, redevelopment, and infill to ensure orderly growth.
- **Sustainability Focus:** Supports environmentally responsible land use and efficient infrastructure utilization.
- **Economic Development:** Directs growth to areas with high potential for commercial, industrial, and mixed-use opportunities.
- **Community Character:** Preserves existing neighborhoods while providing flexibility for new development.
- **Strategic Alignment:** Reflects the goals and priorities of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, serving as a roadmap for future planning decision.

Current Land Use Update

What is Land Use?

Land use refers to the current way a piece of land or property is utilized, defining the primary purpose of activity taking place. Unlike land cover, which refers to the physical characteristics of a land area, land use describes how people are interacting with and using that land. Land-use planning is a key aspect of urban development, aiming to strategically allocate different uses to create functional and sustainable communities while minimizing conflicts between incompatible uses. For example, non compatible land uses adjacent to one another can result in conflicts that affect the surrounding community.

Why It's Important

Land use changes over time due to factors such as population growth, economic shifts, urban pressure, changing commodity and timber prices, policy chang-

es, and environmental factors (e.g., droughts). While some land-use changes, such as forestry, grasslands, or croplands, may be reversible, conversions to urban or residential use are typically permanent.

Updating current land use allows communities to adapt to changing needs, including population growth, economic shifts, climate impacts, and environmental concerns. Accurate land-use information ensures land is allocated efficiently and sustainably while addressing housing affordability, transportation access, natural resource preservation, and equitable development. These goals are consistent with the 2040 Plan.

Reasons to Update Current Land Use Information

- **Population Growth:** Adjust land use to accommodate new housing, infrastructure, and services.
- **Economic Development:** Identify areas for new businesses, mixed-use developments, and industries while providing growth incentives in key corridors.
- **Climate Change Resiliency:** Protect natural areas that act as carbon sinks, preserve and protect floodplains, and promote sustainable development patterns to reduce the urban heat island effect.
- **Environmental and Greenway Protection:** Preserve wetlands, wildlife habitats, and recreational corridors.
- **Community Equity:** Ensure equitable access to housing, amenities, and services for all.
- **Infrastructure Needs:** Plan for transportation corridors, utilities, and other infrastructure to support growth and improve safety for all users of the system.

Future Land Use Update

Updating the Current Land Use Map is a prerequisite to creating the Future Land Use Map. Accurate current land use information provides a foundation for developing the Future Land Use Map which will primarily be used for guiding future development.

Potential Benefits of Updating Future Land Use

- **Reduced Urban Sprawl:** Direct and encourage development toward existing urban areas to prevent ineffi-

cient expansion and overextension of public services.

- **Improved Housing Affordability:** Identify parcels for a mix of housing types to increase affordability, choice and to facilitate development in preferred areas.
- **Enhanced Quality of Life:** Facilitate access to parks, green spaces, and community amenities while accommodating growth.
- **Economic Resilience:** Attract new businesses and investments to support a thriving local economy.

Update Process

For this update, the most recent 2025 aerial imagery was used. New imagery enhanced the overall accuracy and reliability of the final maps. The Future Land Use Map was updated using GIS software and analyzed at both the block and parcel level across the City of Rockford, unincorporated islands, and portions of Winnebago County adjacent to the municipal boundary within our ultimate planning boundary.

Future land use was determined by referencing the City's zoning shapefile maintained by staff, and cross-referenced with aerial imagery. Additional verification was conducted using Google Street View, City records, and U.S. Census block-level dwelling unit data. Residential density was classified as low, medium, or high, consistent with the City's Zoning Ordinance (R-1, R-2, R-3/R-4).

Ongoing Maintenance and Updates

The Current Land Use Map will continue to be updated regularly based on development activity and land-use changes. Updates involve ongoing data collection, aerial imagery analysis, field verification, and GIS tracking by City staff. The Future Land Use Map will most likely be updated annually as determined by staff and City Council.

This ensures that both the Current and Future Land Use Maps remain accurate and relevant for planning and decision-making in accordance with the 2040 Comp. Plan.



Future Land Use Strategic Priorities

- **Sustainable Growth:** Direct development to optimize land use, infrastructure, and natural resources.
- **Equity and Access:** Ensure equitable access to housing, amenities, and public services.
- **Economic Development:** Promote growth in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use corridors.
- **Resilient Infrastructure:** Align land-use decisions with transportation, utility, and environmental resources.
- **Quality of Life:** Preserve community character, access to green space/ recreation, and encourage smart growth.

Future Land Use Categories and Definitions

Agriculture - Agricultural uses, including traditional and urban farming; discernible cultivation, horticulture, viticulture, and pasture; and related activities such as horse boarding and training, dog kennels, sod and tree farms, and associated storage areas and buildings.

Commercial & Retail - Restaurant, bank, mini-storage, retail, hotel, warehouse, malls, fuel service, gas stations.

Future Urban Development, FUD - Areas currently rural or agricultural that are anticipated for long-term urban expansion. These lands accommodate future residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional uses as infrastructure and services become available. This designation preserves planning flexibility while discouraging premature conversion until development aligns with City growth objectives and the 2040 Plan.

Industrial & Utilities - Industrial, manufacturing, communications & utility infrastructure, waste water treatment facilities, warehouses, and landfills.

Institutional - Government, education, library, religious, public facilities, public water infrastructure, hospitals, healthcare & medical facilities, police and fire stations or facilities related to such.

Mixed Use Development - Mixed-uses including residential, commercial, office industrial, or any combination.

Office - Administrative, professional, clerical services, insurance, management & relationship firms, business consultant, credit agency, secretarial services, law firms, clinics (but not hospitals) and veterinary clinics.

Parks & Open Space - Parks, recreational areas & sports fields, campgrounds, playgrounds, passive open space such as park preserves, wildlife refuges, natural lands & habitat areas, greenways, common spaces, and mowed fields, private & public golf courses, cemeteries, regulated flood-ways, floodplain, and open space along rivers.

Priority Acquisition - Land identified for future public acquisition to expand parks, recreation, greenways, and open space; preserve natural features; improve access and connectivity; and support community, recreational, and conservation goals. Designation reflects long-term intent and does not imply immediate acquisition or development.

Low Density Residential - Dwelling Units Per Acre = More Than Zero But Less Than Three, (>0 - <3)

Medium Density Residential - Dwelling Units Per Acre = More Than Four But less Than Fifteen (>4 - <15)

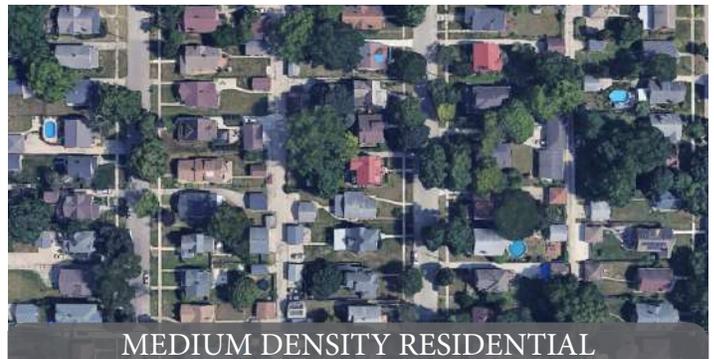
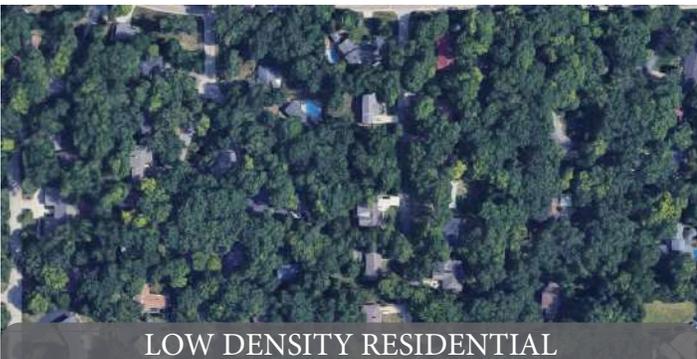
High Density Residential - Dwelling Units Per Acre = More Than Fifteen (>15)

Technology Industry - Development, expansion, and support of technology-related businesses and infrastructure, including research and development facilities, data centers, tech campuses, advanced electronic and digital manufacturing, and innovation hubs, with consideration for high-speed internet, transportation access, utility capacity, and proximity to educational and workforce resources.

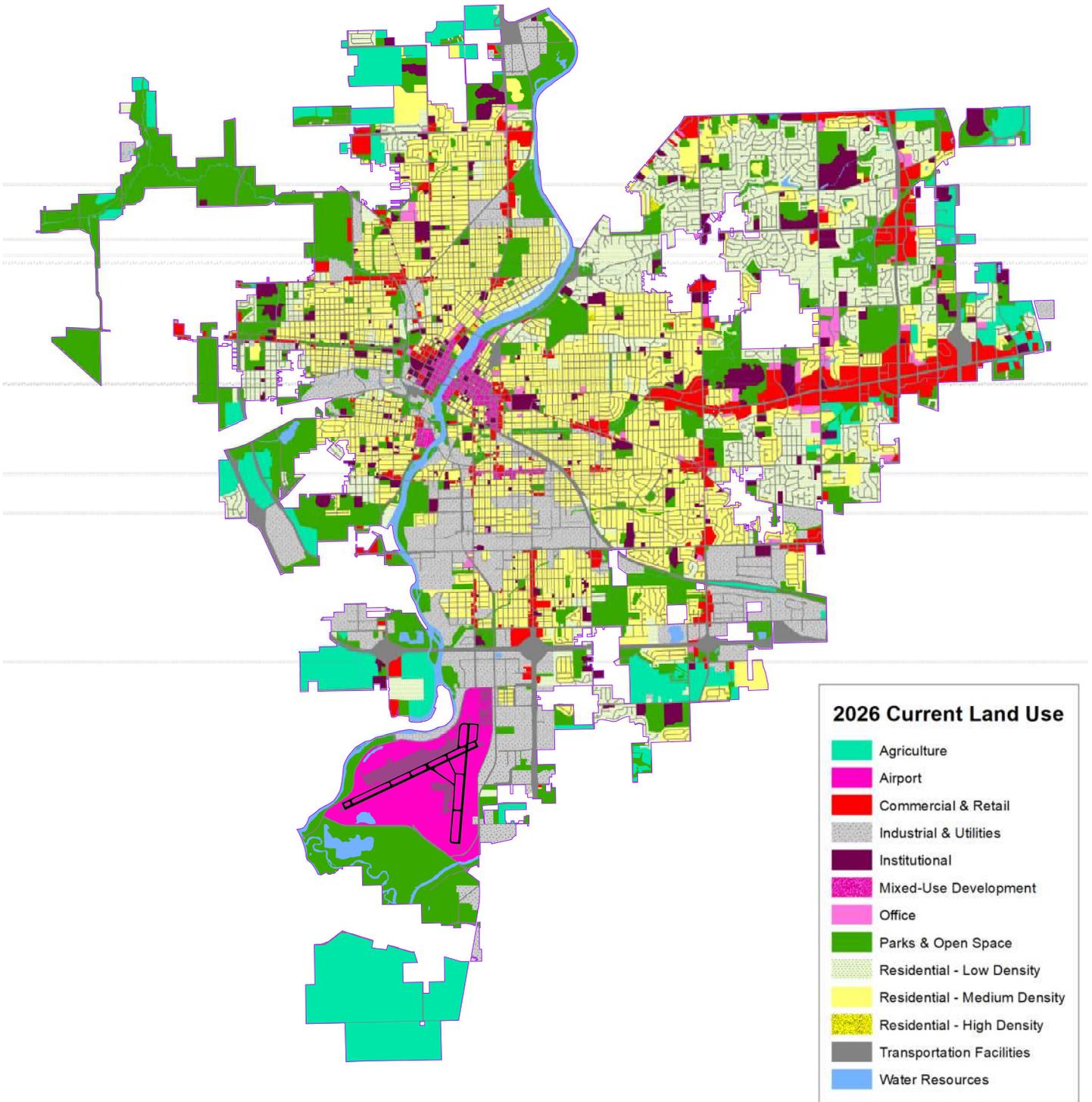
Transportation Facilities - Roads, Right-of-Way (ROW), railroads and railroad ROW, transitional areas along roadways and highways.

Water Resources - Streams, creeks, rivers, ponds, lakes, and storm-water channels or storm-water conveyances with more than intermittent water present.

Future Land Use Illustrations

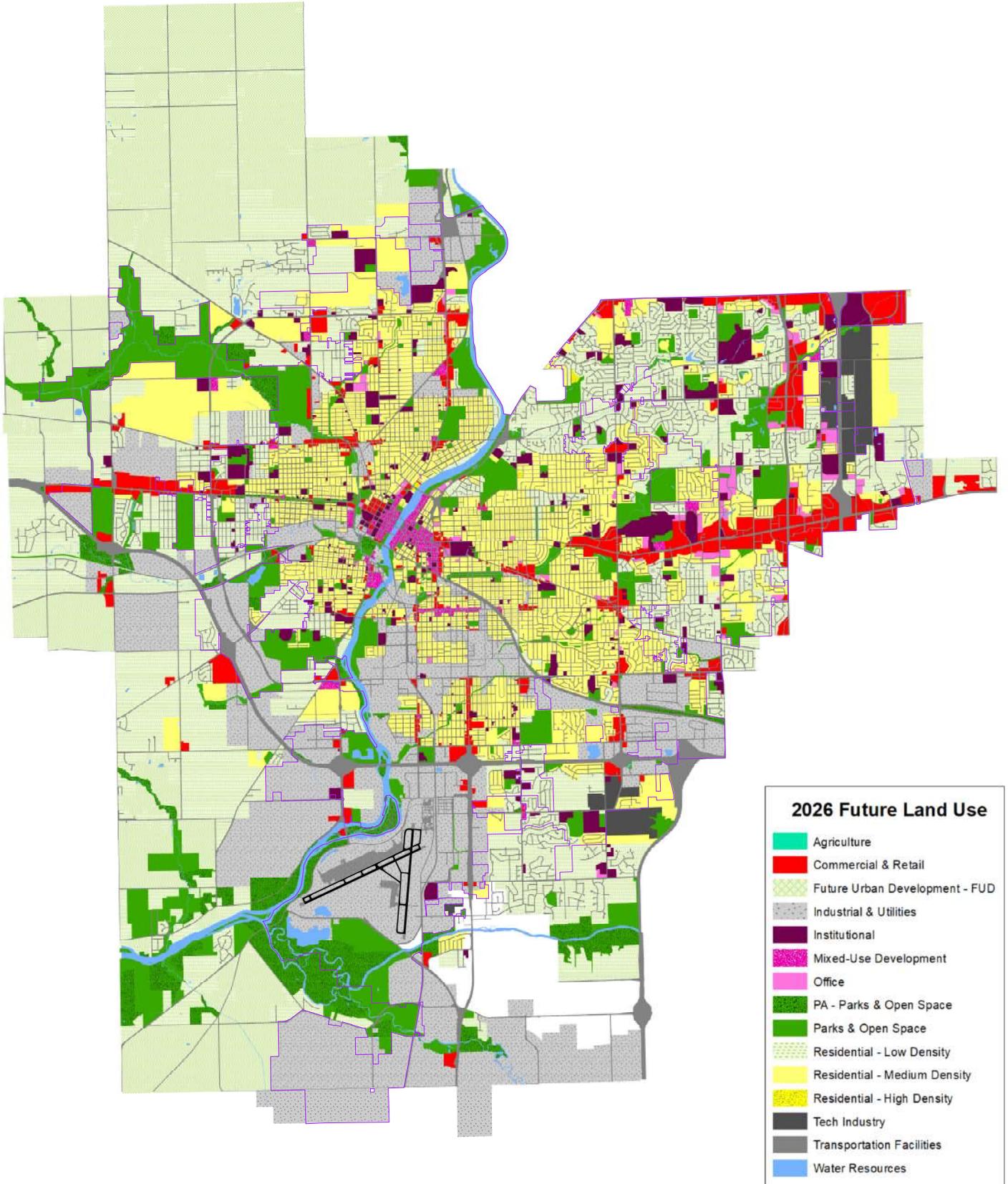


Current Land Use Map



The Current Land Use Map illustrates the existing use and development pattern of land throughout the City of Rockford and its planning boundary. Developed using GIS analysis, aerial imagery, zoning records, and field verification, it provides an accurate, parcel-level snapshot of how land is used today and serves as a foundation for planning, infrastructure coordination, and future land use decisions.

Future Land Use Map



The Future Land Use Map presents the City of Rockford's long-term vision for how land may develop and evolve through 2040. It serves as a policy guide to inform planning decisions, infrastructure investment, and growth priorities, while not changing zoning, authorizing development, or affecting existing property rights.

Implementation & Action Framework

How to Read and Use the Future Land Use Map

The 2040 Future Land Use Map is intended to function as a long-range planning guide. It expresses the City of Rockford's vision for how land across the community may evolve over time through the year 2040.

Importantly, the Future Land Use Map:

- Does not represent a zoning change
- Does not alter current land use entitlements
- Does not change a property's operational status
- Does not authorize development
- Does not require redevelopment
- Does not mandate that any property transition from its current use

The map is conceptual and policy-oriented. It allows the City to consider a range of potential long-term scenarios over the 2040 planning horizon should conditions change over time — including shifts in population, market demand, infrastructure capacity, or community priorities.

Property owners may continue their existing uses consistent with current zoning regulations. Any future change in zoning, land use entitlement, or development proposal would require a separate public review process in accordance with City procedures and state law.

In this way, the Future Land Use Map serves as a strategic planning tool rather than a regulatory document. It provides direction, but it does not itself implement change.

Purpose of the Future Land Use Map

The 2040 Future Land Use Map provides a shared picture of how Rockford can grow and develop in the years ahead, reflecting community values and long-term goals for housing, jobs, quality of life, and natural resources.

The map will guide City planning and decision-making through the following processes:

- Illustrates the intended general pattern of land uses across the city through 2040
- Helps the City, residents, and stakeholders understand broad directions for future development and conservation
- Supports thoughtful decisions about public investments, infrastructure planning, and community improvements
- Provides a foundation for discussions about community priorities and values

This map is meant to be clear, understandable, and accessible. It serves as a tool for residents and leaders alike to see where the City envisions different kinds of growth and development patterns.

Using the Map to Guide Decisions

- Informing reviews of development proposals and infrastructure plans
- Helping guide where investments in public services and facilities may be most needed
- Encouraging efficient use of existing infrastructure and services
- Highlighting areas where environmental resources and community character can be protected

In this way, the map acts as a common point of reference for discussions about Rockford's future. This helps ensure decision making across City departments, service areas, and public conversations are coordinated and grounded in shared goals.

Relationship to Zoning

The Future Land Use Map and the City's Zoning Ordinance serve different functions.

- The Future Land Use Map expresses long-term policy direction.
- The Zoning Ordinance regulates current land use, density, and very specific development standards.

If a property owner seeks a rezoning or development approval, the Future Land Use Map may be considered as one factor in evaluating consistency with long-term planning goals. However, no zoning change occurs unless formally adopted through a separate legislative action by the City Council following required public notice and hearings.

Flexibility Over Time

The 2040 planning horizon recognizes that community conditions evolve. Market forces, infrastructure investments, demographic trends, environmental constraints, and economic opportunities may all influence how land is ultimately used.

- The Future Land Use Map should be interpreted with reasonable flexibility
- Designations represent general categories, not parcel-by-parcel mandates
- Amendments may be considered when circumstances warrant and when consistent with broader Comprehensive Plan goals. Amendments are only approved through City Council majority vote.

This flexibility allows the City to remain responsive while simultaneously maintaining a stable and predictable long-range vision tool.

Adoption of the Future Land Use Map does not:

- Reduce legally established property rights
- Eliminate lawful existing uses
- Create an obligation for property owners to redevelop or make changes to their property

No Impact on Property Rights

Property owners retain the ability to continue lawful uses of their property consistent with applicable regulations.

Role in Infrastructure & Capital Planning

The Future Land Use Map also serves as a coordination tool for:

- Transportation planning
- Utility infrastructure investment
- Park and open space planning
- Housing strategy
- Economic development initiatives



By illustrating a long-term growth pattern, the map helps the City align public investments with anticipated future needs while remaining adaptable as conditions evolve.

Keeping the Map Relevant

Conditions in Rockford, including population trends, housing needs, and economic opportunities, will continue to evolve over time.

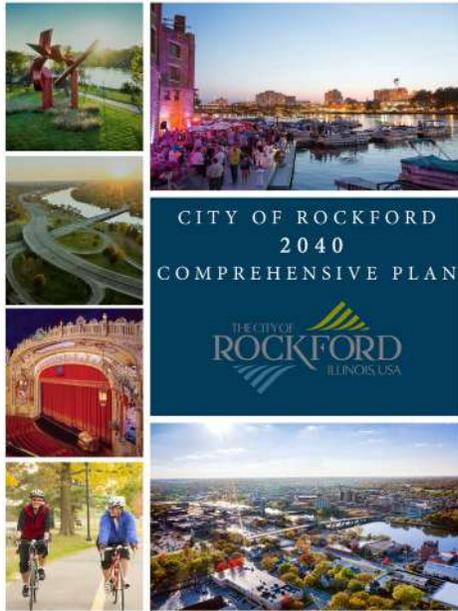
To remain a useful guide:

- The City anticipates periodically reviewing and updating the Future Land Use Map to reflect new data and community input
- Updates will be shaped by community feedback, local needs, and broader planning goals
- Future engagement opportunities will be announced so residents can help shape how Rockford grows

This approach helps ensure the map remains responsive to evolving priorities and community vision.

Consistency with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The Future Land Use Map is rooted in the City of Rockford's long-range vision as expressed in the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan, officially adopted in October 2023, sets out broad goals and policies for the city's physical development and quality of life through the year 2040.



Alignment with City Vision

The Comprehensive Plan provides a foundation that the Future Land Use Map builds upon. Together, they:

- Reflect a shared vision for how Rockford can grow while improving residents’ quality of life
- Coordinate land use planning with infrastructure, housing, transportation, natural resources, and economic opportunity
- Support a future that is equitable, resilient, and sustainable

The Future Land Use Map honors those principles by shaping a citywide pattern of land use that anticipates housing needs, embraces diverse neighborhood types, and protects natural assets.

Supporting City Goals

1. **Balanced Growth and Quality of Life** — The Plan emphasizes growth that is sustainable and enhances livability across the city.
2. **Efficient Use of Infrastructure** — By focusing development within existing corridors and service areas, the map supports efficient use of public investments and our infrastructure systems already in place.
3. **Diverse Housing Choices and Neighborhood Strength** — The map reflects the Plan’s emphasis on a range of housing types to meet diverse needs and support strong, healthy neighborhoods.

4. **Economic Resilience** — Designations support a diverse mix of businesses and employment opportunities, advancing the Plan’s economic development goals while enabling efficient, targeted growth.

5. **Natural and Community Resources** — Areas representing parks, open space, and environmental assets that support conservation efforts and enhance the overall quality of life for residents, as identified and prioritized in the Comprehensive Plan.

Housing Needs and Future Land Use Connection

The Importance of Housing to Rockford’s Long-Term Vision

Providing a sufficient and diverse housing supply is central to achieving the long-range vision established by the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and supporting the continued growth and stability of the community.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City of Rockford identifies housing as a foundational component of economic resilience, neighborhood vitality, and overall quality of life. Access to safe, attainable, and diverse housing options supports workforce development, strengthens neighborhoods, and enables residents to remain in the community at all stages of life.

The City’s 2024 Housing Needs Analysis and Market Study builds upon this policy framework by evaluating current market conditions and projecting future housing demand. Together, these planning efforts provide a data-driven basis for aligning long-range land use decisions with identified housing needs.

Projected Housing Demand

The Housing Needs Analysis and Market Study identifies a substantial need for additional housing units over the coming decade. Based on projected household growth, employment trends, and market conditions, the study estimates that Rockford will require several thousand additional housing units by the early 2030s to maintain a balanced and competitive housing market.

Key findings include:

- Continued demand for both owner-occupied and rental housing
- Limited inventory across multiple price points
- Increased pressure on entry-level and workforce housing
- The need for a broader mix of housing types to accommodate changing household sizes and demographics

These findings reinforce that housing production is not solely a private market issue, but a community-wide planning priority.

Relationship Between Housing and the Future Land Use Map

The Future Land Use Map plays a critical role in supporting the City's housing objectives. While the map does not authorize development or mandate rezoning, it establishes long-term guidance regarding where residential growth and mixed-use development may be appropriate over the 2040 planning horizon.

By identifying areas suitable for residential and mixed-use designations, the map:

- Supports planning for increased housing supply consistent with projected demand
- Encourages development in areas served by existing infrastructure and public services

- Promotes efficient land use patterns that strengthen neighborhoods and corridors
- Aligns future growth with transportation, utilities, and community facilities planning

This forward-looking approach allows the City to anticipate housing needs while maintaining flexibility as conditions evolve.

Supporting a Diversity of Housing Types

Both the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Housing Needs Analysis emphasize the importance of expanding housing choice.

Meeting future demand will require a range of housing types, including:

- Single-family homes
- Town homes and small-lot development
- Multifamily housing
- Mixed-use residential development
- Workforce housing options
- Planned Unit Developments (PUD's)
- And other creative forms of housing

The Future Land Use Map reflects this need by incorporating residential categories that allow for varied densities and neighborhood contexts. This approach supports balanced growth while reinforcing community character.



Housing as an Economic and Community Development Strategy

Housing availability directly influences economic competitiveness. Employers rely on access to housing for current and prospective employees, and residents benefit from the ability to find housing that aligns with income levels and lifestyle needs. It's about choices and options for all socio-economic levels.



By integrating housing demand projections into long-range land use planning, the City positions itself to:

- Support job growth and workforce attraction
- Stabilize and strengthen neighborhoods
- Encourage reinvestment and infill development
- Enhance overall quality of life

Coordinating the Future Land Use Map with housing market data ensures that long-term planning decisions are grounded in community vision, measurable need, and the ability to adapt to the changing needs of the City.

Monitoring, Amendments, and Ongoing Updates

Implementation Through City Processes

The Future Land Use Map will be carried out through established City procedures and decision-making processes.

While the map itself does not change zoning or authorize development, it serves as a policy guide in evaluating:

- Zoning map amendments
- Subdivision and site development proposals
- Planned development applications
- Capital improvement planning
- Infrastructure investment decisions

The map provides long-term policy direction during these processes but does not replace required public review, notice, or legislative action.

Capital Planning and Infrastructure Coordination

Future land use designations help guide strategic public investment. Aligning infrastructure planning with long-range land use ensures efficient use of public resources and supports orderly growth.

The Future Land Use Map will help inform:

- Transportation improvements
- Water and sanitary sewer system planning
- Storm-water management investments
- Park and open space planning
- Public facility siting

Coordinating land use and infrastructure supports fiscal responsibility and reduces the likelihood of premature or inefficient extension of public services.

Monitoring Housing and Market Conditions

Because housing demand is a key driver of future land use decisions, the City will periodically evaluate relevant data to ensure that the Future Land Use Map remains aligned with community needs.

Monitoring may include review of:

- Housing production levels
- Vacancy and affordability trends
- Population and household growth
- Employment trends and economic conditions
- Available land supply within residential designations



This data-driven approach allows the City to respond thoughtfully to changing conditions while maintaining long-term stability.

Amendment Process

The Future Land Use Map may be amended when circumstances warrant adjustment to reflect changing conditions or community priorities.

Amendments may be considered when:

- Market conditions materially shift
- Infrastructure investments alter growth patterns
- New planning studies provide updated data
- A property-specific request demonstrates consistency with broader Comprehensive Plan goals

All amendments will follow required public review procedures and formal consideration by the City Council. This ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with the City’s long-term vision.

Public Engagement Summary

The City of Rockford invited residents, businesses, and community stakeholders to share their thoughts on the proposed update to the 2040 Future Land Use Map through a 30-day public comment period announced on January 30, 2026.

Purpose of Engagement

- Learn about the updated Future Land Use Map and its purpose
- Provide feedback on the map’s design and categories
- Offer ideas and insights that can help refine planning and future updates

How Residents Could Participate

The updated interactive Future Land Use Map was made accessible online

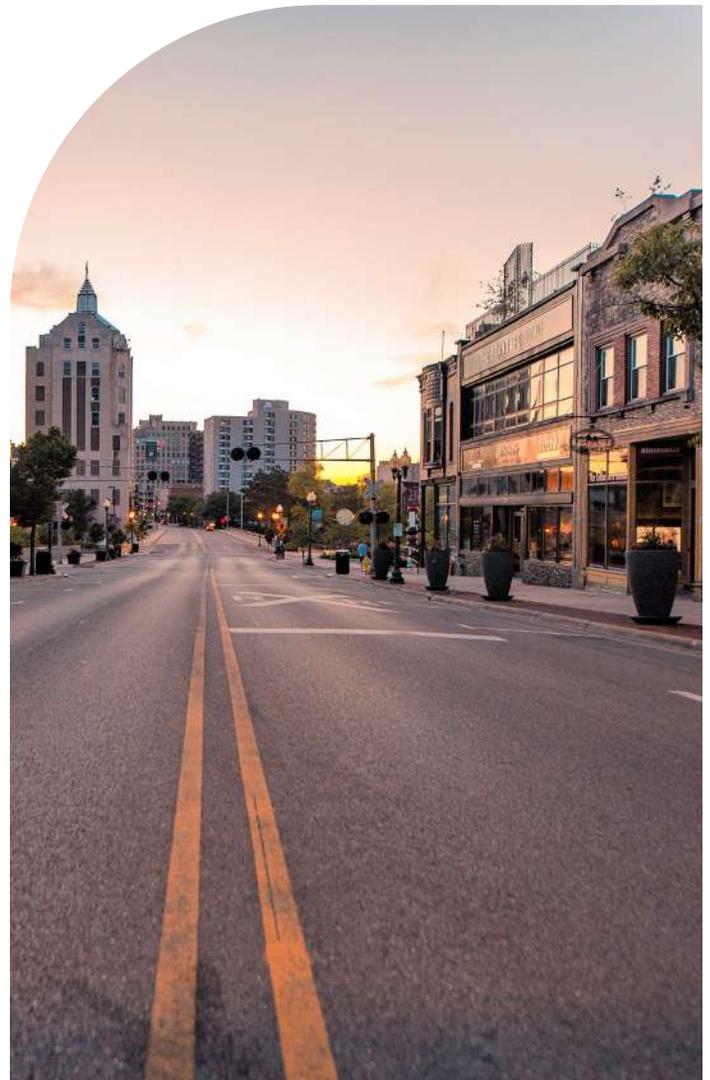
- Residents were encouraged to review the map
- Comments and feedback were accepted by email
- The City provided clear instructions on how to sub-

mit comments, including an email contact for submissions

Value of Public Input

- Ensure the Future Land Use Map reflects local priorities
- Highlight community concerns and opportunities that might not appear in data alone
- Strengthen transparency and trust in the planning process

All input received during the public comment period was reviewed and carefully considered. Based on the comments received, staff made minor modifications to the symbology of several land use designations, as well as limited adjustments to specific land use classifications following careful staff review.



Executive Summary

Future Land Use Map Update

The City of Rockford has updated its Current and Future Land Use Maps to reflect present conditions and provide clear, long-range guidance for growth and development through the year 2040. The previous Future Land Use Map, last significantly updated in 2011, has been revised using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), recent aerial imagery, zoning data, housing and demographic analysis, infrastructure information, and the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The 2040 Future Land Use Map is a long-range planning and policy guide that illustrates the City's vision for how land may evolve over time. **It does not change zoning, authorize development, alter existing land use entitlements, or affect property rights.** Any future zoning changes or development proposals must continue to follow the City's established public review, notice, and approval processes. Instead, the map serves as a framework to guide planning decisions, infrastructure investments, and private development in alignment with community goals and long-term planning objectives.

Key Objectives of the update include:

- **Guiding orderly growth** by directing development toward appropriate corridors, infill areas, and locations served by existing infrastructure
- **Supporting housing needs** by identifying areas suitable for a mix of housing types to accommodate projected demand
- **Promoting economic development** by reinforcing commercial, industrial, and mixed-use corridors and supporting job growth
- **Preserving community character and natural resources** while encouraging reinvestment and sustainable development
- **Coordinating infrastructure investment** to ensure efficient, fiscally responsible use of public resources
- **Maintaining flexibility** to respond to changing market conditions, population trends, and community priorities

Informed by the **2040 Comprehensive Plan** and the **2023 Housing Needs Assessment and Market Study**, the **2040 Future Land Use Map** establishes a coordinated, data-driven framework to guide Rockford's future growth, investment, and development. The map provides a clear vision that supports a resilient economy, diverse housing opportunities, efficient infrastructure planning, and a high quality of life for residents through 2040, while maintaining existing zoning regulations and property rights.

“Rockford is seeing major economic momentum — more projects, more jobs, and more opportunities for Rockford residents.”

“We are making historic investment in our physical infrastructure... You're going to continue to see us invest in infrastructure throughout the entire city of Rockford and invest in our people.”

Mayor Thomas McNamara - Rock River Current, 2025





Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
Planning and Development Committee

FROM: Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator 

RE: Proposed funding agreement with Phantom Regiment, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation ("Phantom Regiment") located at 5608 International Dr. Rockford, IL 61109.

DATE: March 4, 2026

For your consideration, is the proposed funding agreement with Phantom Regiment, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation ("Phantom Regiment") located at 5608 International Dr. Rockford, IL 61109 utilizing Casino / Foundation funds not to exceed \$100,000 over two years (\$60,000 in 2026 and \$40,000 in 2027).

Phantom Regiment has increased its presence in the City of Rockford with the recent purchase of 5608 International Drive and proposed expansion of local programming. The **Kingpins Drumline's** program mission is to bring the joy and excitement of drumming to students with disabilities (ages 15+) in a fun, supportive, and inclusive environment. **Rockford Rhythm** program is a youth percussion and color guard ensemble that performs at events throughout the Rockford community. Students of all levels of drumming and color guard experience as well as all diversities, skill levels, and backgrounds are invited to learn valuable life-skills and discover the joy of music

Phantom Regiment runs various camps, **Show of Shows**, 4th of July Parade, meetings, and supports local vendor contracts expanding its economic footprint in the City of Rockford. We welcome the continued reestablishment of Rockford as their headquarters and look forward to their growth in Rockford.

Attached as Exhibit A is further breakdown of their economic footprint and referenced programs.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed funding agreement as the request is consistent with City's efforts for community investment and the Casino spending plan.

Please let me know should you have any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:

Council Members:

The Committee on Planning and Development, to whom was referred the matter of the approval of the Funding Agreement with Phantom Regiment, Inc., and Illinois not for profit corporation located at 5608 International Dr. in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000 over two years (\$60,000 in 2026 and \$40,000 in 2027), hereby begs leave to report **recommending approval** of the request as recommended.

Janessa Wilkins (Chair)

Tim Durkee (Vice Chair)

Karen Hoffman

Jaime Salgado

Gina Meeks

Committee Action Taken: March 23, 2026

Wilkins: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

Durkee: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

Hoffman: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

Salgado: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

Meeks: Ayes:___ Nays:___ Absent:___

FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“AGREEMENT”), entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the City of Rockford, an Illinois municipal corporation ("City"), and Phantom Regiment, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation ("Phantom Regiment") located at 5608 International Dr. Rockford, IL 61109, and with such entities collectively referred to in this Agreement as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City has available funds as a result of Casino Tax funding to the benefit of the community and is allocating \$100,000 to assist Phantom Regiment in the programming and operations of the drum corps; and

WHEREAS, Phantom Regiment is located at 5608 International Drive and operates various camps, meetings and shows in Rockford; the City recognizes the economic and cultural impact of Phantom Regiment in the City of Rockford; and

WHEREAS, Phantom Regiment operates The Kingpins Drumline’s mission to bring the joy and excitement of drumming to students with disabilities (ages 15+) in a fun, supportive, and inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, Phantom Regiment’s Rockford Rhythm is a youth percussion and color guard ensemble that performs at events throughout the Rockford community. Students of all levels of drumming and color guard experience as well as all diversities, skill levels, and backgrounds are invited to learn valuable life-skills and discover the joy of music; and

WHEREAS, the City shall make a funding commitment to Phantom Regiment in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) in total over two years to support the operations of Phantom Regiment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City and Phantom Regiment mutually agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The above recitals are incorporated in this Agreement by this reference and made a part of this Agreement.
2. **CITY RESPONSIBILTIES.**
 - A. The City shall provide funding to Phantom Regiment in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) in total for operational costs related to Phantom Regiment drum corps and other programing.
3. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years from date of execution.

4. **PAYMENTS.** The City shall provide funds to Phantom Regiment on an annual basis in two installments with a first payment of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) provided within 60 days of approval and execution of this agreement and the second and final payment of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) at the anniversary date of the first payment.
5. **FUNDING AND USE OF FUNDS.**
 - A. Phantom Regiment shall maintain its home location in the City of Rockford through 2028.
 - B. Phantom Regiment shall use funds solely for operation costs in the operation of the Phantom Regiment drum corps and programming, including Rockford Kingpins and Rockford Rhythm programs.
 - C. All funds will be held, managed and expended by Phantom Regiment and dedicated solely to efforts described.
 - D. Phantom Regiment shall provide appropriate documentation of eligible costs acceptable to the City no less than on an annual basis and as requested by the City.
 - E. Any funds not utilized per the terms of this development agreement prior to the termination or expiration of this agreement shall be returned to the City.
6. **DOCUMENTATION.** Phantom Regiment shall maintain documentation for all expenditures to verify payment of eligible costs. Phantom Regiment shall provide documentation annually and upon request from the City.
 - A. Funding from the City of Rockford may include expenditures for local programs, staff, equipment, supplies and staff development.
 - B. Expense reports and evidence of expenditures will be made available to the City or Rockford on an annual basis or when requested with 10 working days of request.
7. **PERMITTING AND CODES.** Phantom Regiment shall comply with this Agreement and all applicable federal, state, county, municipal or administrative laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, codes and orders relating in any way to renovations including any historic preservation requirements.
8. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** Phantom Regiment shall perform as an independent contractor with sole control of the manner and means of performing this Agreement. Phantom Regiment shall complete this Agreement according to Phantom Regiment's own means and methods of work, which shall be in the exclusive charge and control of Phantom Regiment and which shall not be subject to control or supervision by the City except as to the result of the work. Phantom Regiment is, for all purposes arising out of this Agreement, an independent contractor, and neither Phantom Regiment employees shall be deemed an

employee of the City, by reason of this Agreement.

9. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE. Phantom Regiment, its subcontractors and agent(s), hereby release and convey and agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Rockford, its representatives, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, demands for damages, suits, either in law or in equity, or expenses or liabilities of any kind, arising out of or by virtue of the execution and performance of this Agreement or any other Agreement entered into pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action or proceeding is brought against the City, its representatives, officers, agents and/or its employees by reason of any such claim or demand, Phantom Regiment will at its sole cost and expense, resist or defend such action or proceeding.

All insurance policies shall provide that they may not be cancelled or modified, except for increase in coverage, without thirty (30) days, prior-written notice to the City. All insurance required hereunder shall be by a company or companies licensed to conduct business in the State of Illinois.

10. NON-ASSIGNABILITY. This Agreement and the funding provided hereunder shall not be assignable, without the approval of the City, either by action of Phantom Regiment or by operation and execution of this Agreement.
11. LEGAL COMPLIANCE. In all matters pertaining to this Agreement, Phantom Regiment and the City shall conform strictly to all federal, state and municipal laws, applicable rules and regulations, and any and all amendments thereto, and to the methods and procedures of all governmental boards, bureaus, offices, commissions and other agencies.
12. NON-DISCRIMINATION. Phantom Regiment agrees to comply and assure that no unlawful discrimination against any person or group of persons on account of race, sex, creed, color, age, handicap, or national origin shall be made in the provision of services, or in any other manner in performance of this Agreement.
13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The City and Phantom Regiment hereby covenant and agree:
 - A. No member of the City Council, nor any other public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to this program during the individual's term or for one year thereafter, shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, other than the employee's salary, in any matter to be performed in connection with the assistance under this Agreement.
 - B. The provisions of subparagraph A shall also apply to employees of the Phantom Regiment.
14. TERMINATION.

- A. Events Causing Termination. This Agreement shall terminate upon any of the

following events:

- i. Voluntary or involuntary dissolution of Phantom Regiment, or a request from the Phantom Regiment, granted by the City, to terminate its duties under this Agreement.
 - ii. Termination by the City for cause pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.
 - B. Termination for Cause. If, through any cause, Phantom Regiment shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if Phantom Regiment shall violate any of the covenants, agreements or stipulations of this contract, the City shall give written notice to Phantom Regiment of such violation. In the event that Phantom Regiment neglects or refuses to correct or cure said violation to the satisfaction of the City within sixty (60) days of its receipt of notice, then to the extent that a material or substantive breach of this Agreement still exists as of said date, this Agreement shall be void and the parties shall be subject to the liabilities set forth below.
 - C. Liabilities Upon Termination. In the event of termination, Phantom Regiment shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any expenses properly incurred under this Agreement, prior to notice of termination. Notwithstanding the above Phantom Regiment shall not be relieved of liability to the City damages sustained by the City by virtue of any breach of this Agreement, and the City may withhold any payments to Phantom Regiment for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the City from Phantom Regiment is determined.
 - D. Remedies Other Than Termination. Should review of Phantom Regiment performance show nonconformance to any terms or conditions herein, Phantom Regiment shall be in breach of this Agreement, and the City may take appropriate actions as it deems necessary, including but not limited to temporary withholding or reduction of payment. The selection of a remedy other than termination shall not prevent the City from subsequently terminating this Agreement as described herein.
15. WAIVER. Either party to this Agreement may elect to waive any remedy it may enjoy hereunder, provided that such waiver shall be in writing. No such waiver shall obligate such party to waive any right or remedy hereunder, or shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of other rights and remedies provided said party under this Agreement.
16. ADMINISTRATION. The terms and provision of this Agreement shall be administered on behalf of the City by its Director of Community Development. Unless law otherwise requires, all necessary notices, submissions, and approvals shall be given to or by the Director.
17. NOTICES. All notices, approvals, demands, requests, or other documents required or permitted under this Agreement, other than routine communications necessary for the day-

to-day operation of this program, shall be deemed properly given if hand delivered or sent by United States registered mail, postage prepaid, at the following addresses:

AS TO THE CITY:

Director,
Community & Economic Development Department
City of Rockford
425 E. State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

With copies to:
Legal Director
City of Rockford
425 E State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

AS TO THE
Phantom Regiment, Inc.
Amanda Hamaker
Chief Executive Officer
5608 International Drive
Rockford, IL. 61109

18. **AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement may be amended by written instrument executed by the parties hereto, acting therein by their duly authorized representatives.

Any amendment(s) hereto must be approved by the City Council of the City of Rockford.

The City or Phantom Regiment may request changes in the terms hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of compensation for Phantom Regiment, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the City and Phantom Regiment shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement.

19. **SEVERABILITY.** If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be effected thereby, and each remaining term and provision hereof shall be deemed valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois and the Ordinances of the City of Rockford.

21. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties.
23. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY. Nothing contained in this Agreement or any act of the City or Phantom Regiment shall be deemed or construed by any of the parties hereto, or third persons to create any relationship of third-party beneficiary, principal, or agent limited or general partnership, joint venture or any association or relationship involving the City.
24. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be liable or responsible to the other party, or be deemed to have defaulted under or breached this agreement, for any failure or delay to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts beyond the impacted party's reasonable control, including, but not limited to, the following force majeure events: acts of God, acts of the public enemy, wars, invasions, hostilities, state or federal governmental action, laws, orders, or rules, acts of terrorism, fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, pandemics, quarantine restrictions, national or regional emergencies, labor difficulties, freight embargoes, and transportation shortages. The party claiming excuse from performance ("Claiming Party") must take reasonable efforts to remove the cause of its inability to perform or its delay in performance. The Claiming Party must give prompt written notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event, specifying its nature and anticipated duration, and provide an estimate of when performance may continue.
25. AUTHORITY.
- A. Actions. The City covenants to Phantom Regiment and agrees that the City will take such actions as may be required and necessary to enable the City to execute this Agreement and to carry out fully and perform the terms, covenants, agreements, duties, and obligations on its part to be kept and performed as provided by the terms and provisions hereof.
 - B. Powers. The City hereby represents and warrants to Phantom Regiment that the City has full constitutional and lawful right, power, and authority under currently applicable law to execute, deliver, and perform the terms and obligations of this Agreement, and all of the foregoing have been or will be duly and validly authorized and approved by any necessary City proceedings, findings, and actions. Accordingly, this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the City, is enforceable in accordance with its terms and provisions, and does not require the consent of any other governmental authority. Phantom Regiment hereby represents and warrants that it is a duly organized, validly existing Illinois corporation and that it has the right, power, and authority to execute, deliver, and perform the terms and obligations of this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes

the legal, valid, and binding obligation of Phantom Regiment, enforceable in accordance with its terms and provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Phantom Regiment have executed this Agreement on the date above first written.

CITY OF ROCKFORD
A Municipal Corporation

BY: _____
Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor Date

ATTEST: _____
Angela Hammer, Legal Director Date

Phantom Regiment, Inc.

BY: _____
Date

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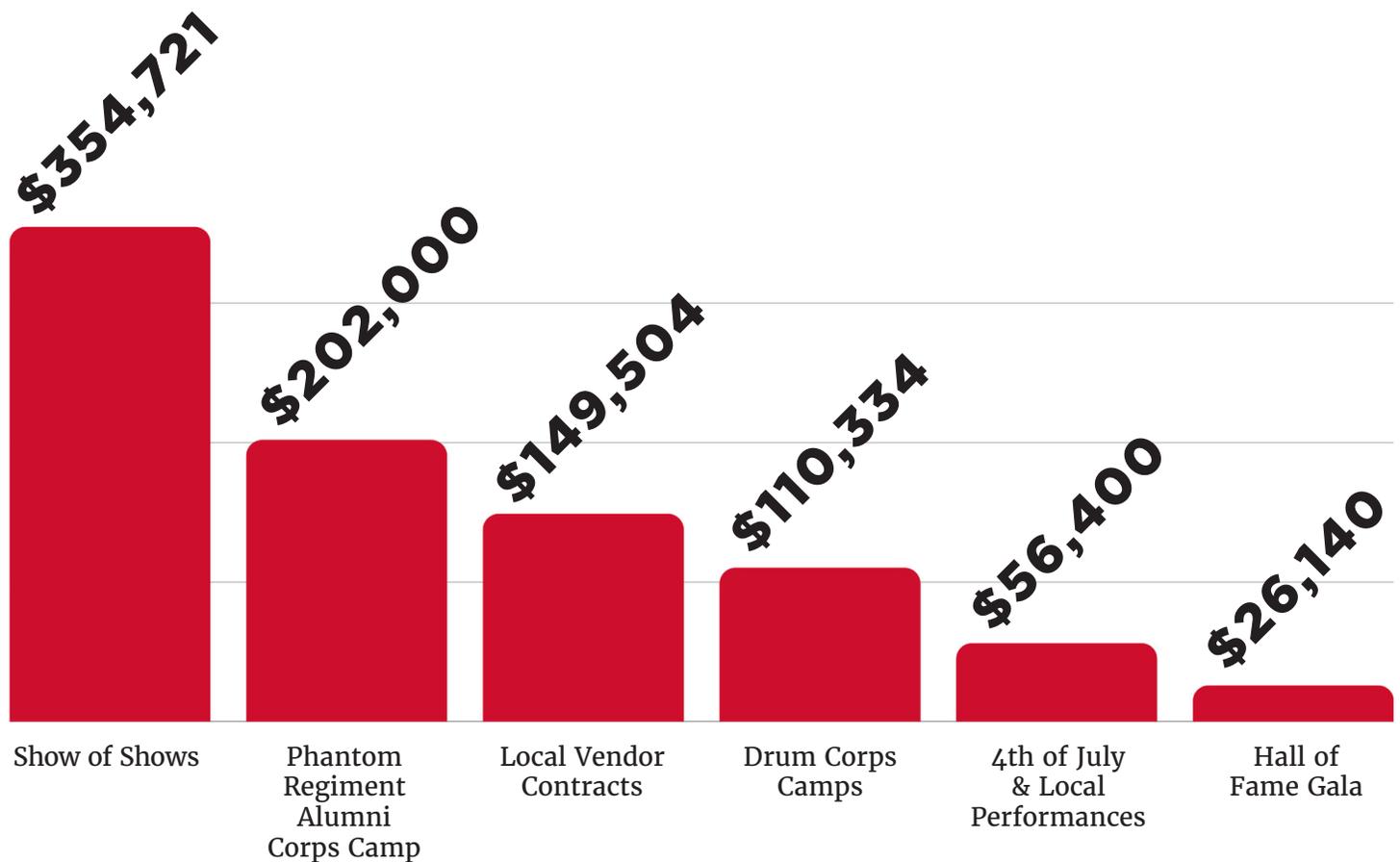
Our Impact



Over \$800,000 in Local Economic Impact

In 2026, Phantom Regiment and its programs are projected to create **over \$800,000 in economic revenue within the City of Rockford**. Through the various camps, shows, meetings, and vendor contracts, our economic footprint in 2026 is projected to be bigger than ever before.

Furthermore, in 2026, we will have **five staff members working out of our Rockford office**. This shows our ever-expanding commitment to making Rockford our home.

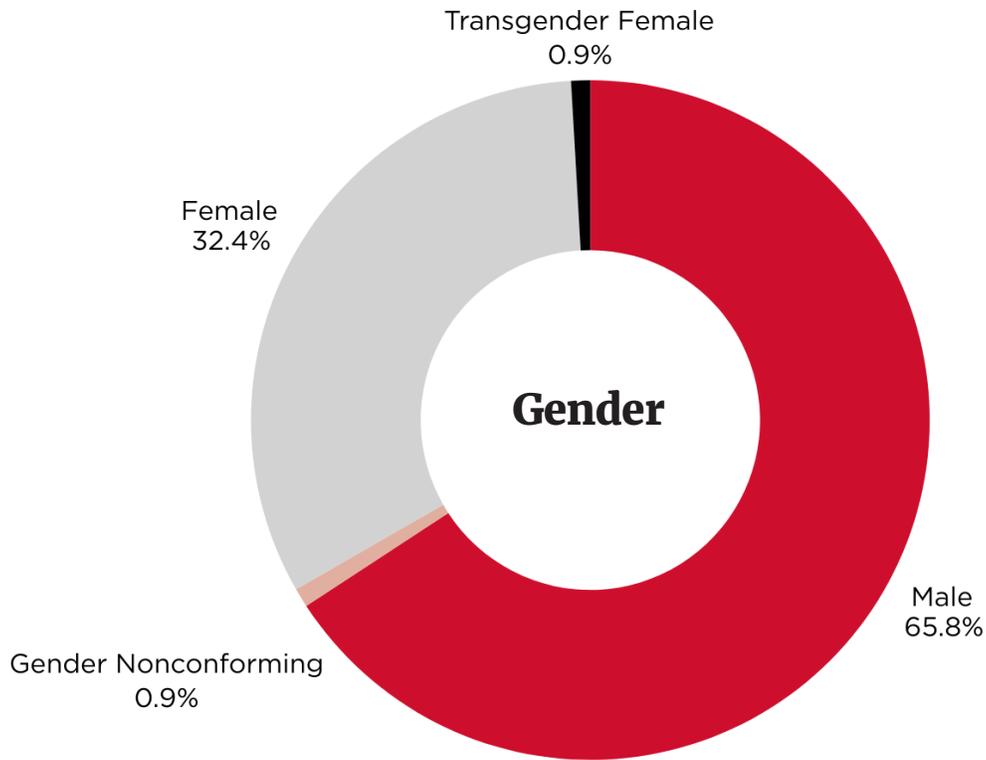


Revenue projections include estimates for local spending on accommodations, food, drink, transportation, retail, and entertainment.



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Who We Serve - 2024 Drum Corps Data



Race

- 72.1% White - North American
- 8.1% Asian
- 6.3% Hispanic - American
- 4.5% White - Non North American
- 3.6% Multiple races
- 2.7% Central/South American
- 1.8% African American
- 0.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native

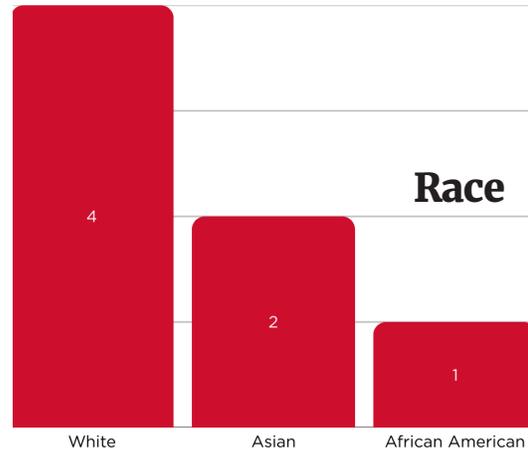
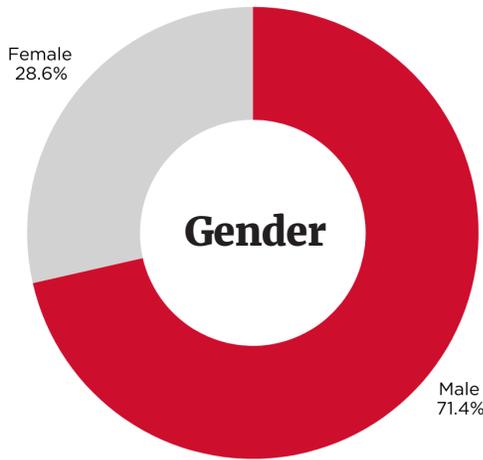


Our Impact



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