

LAND USE

The purpose of this section is to briefly describe current land use patterns and policies in Two Harbors, describe concerns, identify goals, and map out desired land use outcomes. The Comprehensive Plan is primarily a land use document and is intended to allocate land among industry, commerce, residences, public facilities, parks and recreation, open and natural spaces, and other public and private uses. Changes to the economy (local to global), housing patterns, transportation needs, and quality of life concerns require that the City review existing allocations and adjust accordingly. Many of the goals and action steps described in this section will be referenced or repeated elsewhere in the document.

Land Use Goals

1. Use land within the City of Two Harbors in a planned and managed way to bring about moderate population and economic growth while protecting key environmental and historical features such as the lakeshore, Skunk Creek, wetlands, scenic views, the lighthouse and other historic sites and preserve access and public views to the waterfront.
 - a. Achieve a balanced allocation of land among the many public and private uses that reflects the current needs for population and economic growth.
2. Provide public accessibility and use of the Lake Superior waterfront by providing or supporting public facilities including parks, green space, trails, campgrounds, and a boat launch and marina.
3. Public access to the waterfront should be preserved as much as possible on private land and non-city owned public land through use of trail easements and other tools.
4. Have adequate land properly zoned, with infrastructure to allow an active development market in the city.
5. Provide enough commercially zoned land in several appropriate areas to permit continuous commercial expansion.
6. Provide adequate zoned residential land to permit 10 year growth to a population of 4,000.
7. Sustain our existing neighborhoods as viable, desirable living areas and protect them from disruptive land uses and activities.
8. Preserve the pedestrian and village aspects of the older town of Two Harbors, and provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between new developments and existing parts of town.