



Imagine Duluth 2035  
Economic Development Focus Group  
First Meeting – Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 4:00pm  
Room 303, Duluth City Hall

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Brief overview - Timeline & Process
3. Review implementation strategies that have been completed or partially completed from 2006 Comp Plan to determine if the strategy is still relevant
4. Review research questions for the Imagine Duluth 2035 process  
*Do other topics need discussion or further research?*
5. Review preliminary data gathering / identify other potential resources
6. Discuss any other emerging issues for this section of the Comp Plan Update
7. Wrap-Up & Next Steps

## Economic Development – Research Questions

The economic development component of the Comprehensive Plan update will provide an in-depth review of the local and regional economy, identify strategies, programs, and projects to improve the economy, and establish policy direction for economic growth. As part of the comprehensive plan update, this component will identify locations for future development and how to support emerging and technology-based economic development. Specific questions that we're considering include:

1. Do we have enough space currently built for our economic development needs?
2. Do we have an adequate supply of vacant land for commercial and industrial development needs?
3. In what area of the City is our vacant land located, and what type of development is it suited for and how is this supported by market data?
4. Where do new businesses want to locate?
5. How do we plan for the technology and web based industries?
6. Where is broadband access underutilized or limited?
7. Are these job centers accessible from or integrated with residential areas?
8. How do we strengthen our economic generators?
9. What economic sectors are projected to grow and do we have enough infrastructure to support?
10. How do we encourage the development that we want?