



## Chapter 8: Conclusion

The City of Manchester has put a great deal of time and effort into this planning process. In that time, the community has better defined itself, along with its vision of the future. As stated in Chapter 5, “the Manchester Comprehensive Plan is a strategic road map for the city to ensure optimum land use, sustainable services, economic growth, and continuation of heritage.”

To meet this vision, the community and decision-makers considered various alternative future growth scenarios, discussed the role of potential goals and objectives, and worked to identify those things that will define the future of Manchester. Those items deemed important to guiding development, redevelopment, and investment are included in this plan.

The city’s work is not done with the adoption of this plan -- in fact this is only the start. It is difficult to achieve a vision or implement a plan without an open and continuing dialogue. A comprehensive plan never is complete. It is a dynamic document that should keep pace with changing conditions and evolving community aspirations. As such, the plan goals and objectives should adapt to the ever-changing needs of the municipality. Citizen

involvement should continue, and as projects are undertaken and completed, the community should discuss new projects and new priorities.

With adoption by the Planning and Zoning Commission, implementation of the Manchester Comprehensive Plan is the first step in moving the city from a proud past to a bright future. With the many steps that will follow, the residents will see their careful consideration and deliberate discussion take the form of streets, parks, buildings, and a strengthened and revitalized community.