

Richfield 2020 Visioning Project Steering Committee
6700 Portland Avenue South Richfield, MN 55423



December 10, 2001

The Honorable Martin J. Kirsch
Mayor
City of Richfield, Minnesota

Council Members John Enger, Susan Rosenberg, Sue Sandahl, Gertrude Ulrich
City Council
City of Richfield, Minnesota

Future Mayors and Council Members
City of Richfield, Minnesota

Dear Mayor Kirsch and Council:

The report that accompanies this letter is the work of the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project. It is the result of the study process undertaken by the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project and addresses what people in Richfield want their community to be like in the year 2020. The report comprises three sections:

First, you find a copy of the October, 2001 publication of *Your City*, containing a condensed version of the report. This publication was mailed to all households in Richfield.

Second, is a "Full Version" of the report as issued by the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project Steering Committee. It contains explanatory material which offers more insight into the thinking of the project teams that formulated the various subsections of the report. The visions, goals, and strategies are identical on both the short and long version of the report.

Third, you find a compilation of feedback received since publication of the reports. Most of this commentary was solicited through two community-wide forums held to review the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project Report. These forums were held on October 23 & 24, 2001.

As you know, this work began over one year ago, in July 2000, at the Council's initiation. Five Issue Project Teams and a Steering Committee were subsequently formed. The Teams addressed five areas: Community Spirit; Recreation and Environment; Business and Economic Development; Transportation and Infrastructure; Housing and Neighborhoods; and Education and Life-Long Learning. We feel these five areas fairly encompass all facets of life in Richfield. Each Project Team formulated a vision for the future of the City regarding its area of interest and developed goals and strategies to implement that vision. We recognize that some goals will be easier to adopt than others, and that some goals will require other things to be accomplished before implementation is feasible.

At the City Council's pleasure, the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project Steering Committee is willing to remain intact as a body and to interact with the City Council, at least annually, with respect to making progress in implementing the vision contained in the 2020 Visioning Report. If this is desirable, the City Council should take specific action to formalize this relationship and establish a mechanism to put it into effect.

We request that you accept this report and use it as a source of guidance for your planning as we all work together at making Richfield a great place to live, work, learn, and play.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Richfield 2020 Visioning Project Steering Committee
and the Issue Project Teams,

John Bjostad,
Chairman

Members of the 2020 Visioning Project Steering Committee:

John Bjostad, Stephen Cory, Sunni Cory, Camillo DeSantis, Pam Dmytrenko, John Easterwood, Nelson French, David Gepner, Rick Jabs, Connie McDonald, Samantha Orduno, Tom Rublein, Sue Sandahl, Bob Shotwell, Larry Wozniczka.

Members of the Community Spirit, Recreation and Environment Issue Project Team:

Odell Brown, Ruthann Clay, Emily Day, Nelson French, Tom Hoyne, Rick Jabs, Bethann Larson, Sean O'Malley, Patricia Rickert, Dan Scott, Jim Topitzhofer, Barbara Whiteman-Brown.

Members of the Housing and Neighborhoods Issue Project Team:

Barb Blahoski, Stephen Cory, Sunni Cory, Camillo DeSantis, Doris Rubenstein, Julia Sorenson, Bruce Nordquist, Julie Urban.

Members of the Education and Life-Long Learning Issue Project Team:

John Bjostad, Dr. Barbara Devlin, John Easterwood, Rose Jost, Ken Rood, Tom Rublein, Karen Shragg, Bill Snyder, Jeremy Wright.

Members of the Business and Economic Development Issue Project Team:

Kathy Anderson, Steve Devich, Woody Duvlea, Bill Fillmore, Dick Franzmeier, Bob Hall, Gordon Hanson, Tony Hauschildt, Vern Knutsen, Joan Landmann, Steve Lindgren, Bruce Palmborg, Patrick Rickert, Brian Ringham, Bob Shotwell, John Stark, Kristal Stokes, Marc Sullivan, Russ Susag, Allen Yun, Larry Wozniczka.

Members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Issue Project Team:

Kathy Breeggman, Robert Couillard, Mike Eastling, Richard Fick, Tom Foley, David Gepner, Josh Hauser, Todd A. Larson, Jeanette Lofstrom, Eric Mayo, Connie McDonald, Greg Olson, Tim Quinlan.