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## ***INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND***

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The first comprehensive plan for the City of Hermantown was completed in May of 1976, and adopted shortly thereafter.

After more than 28 years of service, and facing an expanding residential and commercial tax base, the City determined it was time to update the existing comprehensive plan. Hermantown public officials and citizens agreed that the basis for the old plan was good, and sweeping changes were not necessary.

The City Council recruited a citizen task force, consisting of elected officials, planning commissioners, utility commissioners, and residents. The citizen task force began meeting in March of 2000, and initiated the planning process by examining existing conditions in the community.

The task force and staff prepared a report entitled Analysis of Existing Conditions and Identification of Community Planning Issues. This report examined the current state of the city's environment and natural features, and public facilities. The information in this report clearly showed Hermantown was experiencing "growing pains" in the form of demands for more services from an expanding and changing population.

The task force examined various means for managing the city's growth, and incorporated several provisions for growth management in the proposed comprehensive plan. The task force also held a public meeting in February of 2001 to solicit input from Hermantown citizens on the future of the city.

The following pages detail the Comprehensive Plan for Hermantown and desired conditions in the community in the year 2020.