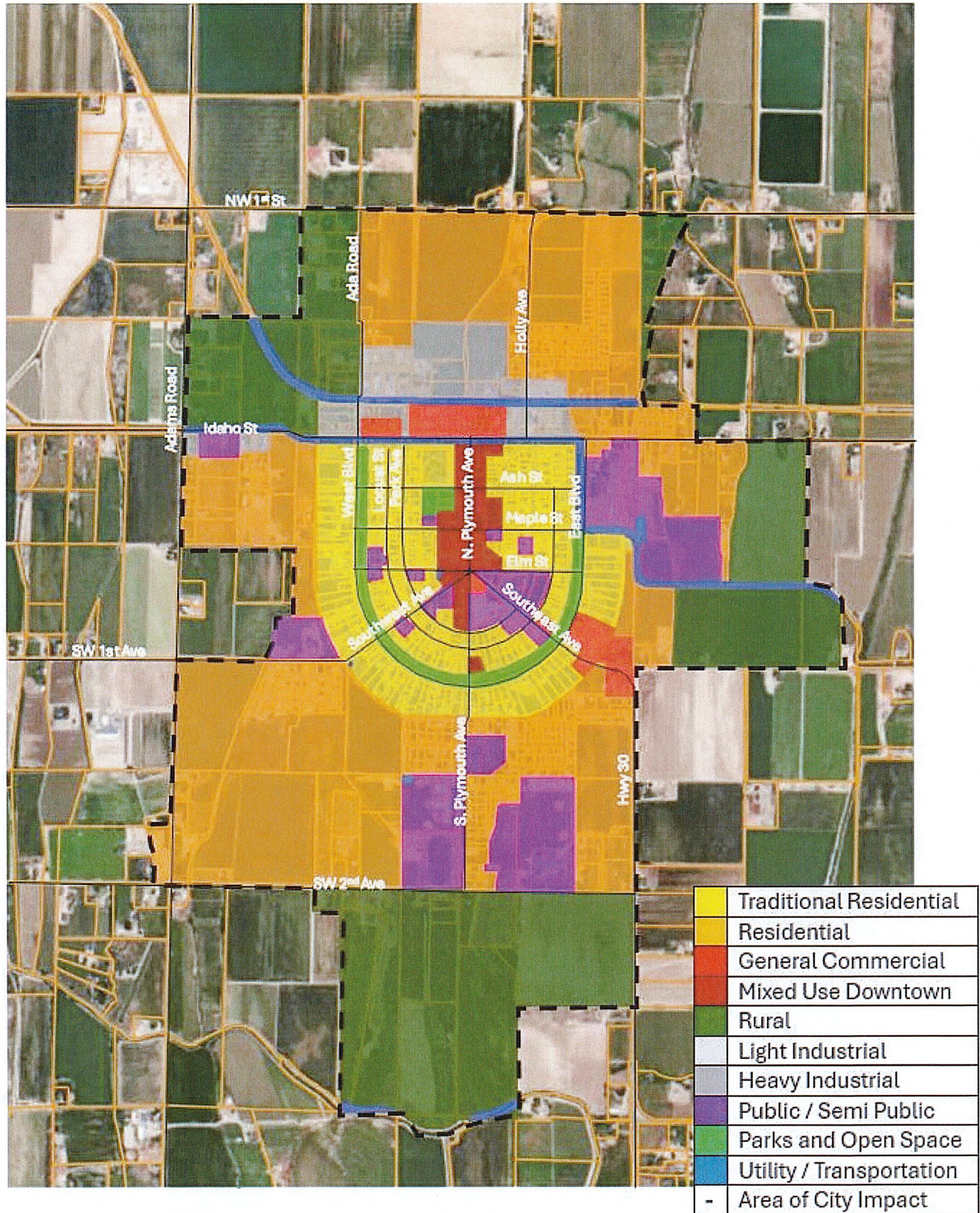


Image 13. Future Land Use Map





Culture and Identity

Parks, Recreation, and Special Areas and Sites

This section outlines New Plymouth’s vision for creating a vibrant, welcoming, and connected community through investments in parks, recreation, special areas, and cultural resources. Parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities contribute to residents’ health, well-being, and quality of life by providing places to play, gather, and connect with nature. Expanding and improving these amenities ensures that residents of all ages and abilities have access to diverse and meaningful recreational opportunities.

Image 14. Overview of Culture and Identity topics discussed during public outreach.

fairgrounds water park
 sport facilities
 multipurpose building
 preservation of key landmarks
 honor the history
 farmers market
 splash pad pathways
 picnic areas bandstand murals

The goals, policies, and actions in Table 9 that were shaped by public outreach, as summarized in Image 14, also recognize the importance of celebrating and preserving New Plymouth's unique history, landscapes, and cultural assets. By protecting historic buildings, supporting public art, fostering special areas, and enhancing the Payette County Fairgrounds, the community honors its past while cultivating a sense of place and pride in its future.

Table 9. Culture and Identity Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal 1	Expand recreational facilities and open space for all ages.
Policy 1.1	Offer a range of recreational facilities that cater to residents of all ages and abilities.
<i>Action 1.1a</i>	<i>Develop and implement a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that identifies future locations for park and recreation facilities.</i>
<i>Action 1.1b</i>	<i>Enhance existing parks and provide future parks with a range of amenities, such as sports fields, playgrounds, splash pad, seating areas, and shaded spaces.</i>
<i>Action 1.1c</i>	<i>Extend the walking path network throughout the city and provide benches, lighting, and other amenities.</i>
<i>Action 1.1d</i>	<i>Identify and pursue grants and partnerships to facilitate and expand access to parks and recreational facilities.</i>
Policy 1.2	Encourage publicly owned and/or privately owned recreation facilities to achieve a citywide distribution of parks and open spaces.
<i>Action 1.2a</i>	<i>Require developers to incorporate pathways, green spaces, and/or parks into their designs.</i>
<i>Action 1.2b</i>	<i>Evaluate opportunities for joint public-private partnerships, endowments, and user fees to support parks, facilities, and programs with high costs or limited usage that may not justify full public funding.</i>
Goal 2	Create a welcoming environment that fosters community connection.
Policy 2.1	Support community gathering spaces by maintaining and enhancing parks, plazas, pathways, and other public spaces as safe, attractive, and functional places for people to meet and interact.
Goal 3	Celebrate New Plymouth's unique sense of place by preserving its history and landscapes and connecting its rich heritage to a vibrant future.
Policy 3.1	Encourage activities and events that celebrate the history of New Plymouth.
<i>Action 3.1a</i>	<i>Explore partnerships with Payette County Historical Society & Museum and other organizations to facilitate historical-themed activities and events such as walking tours.</i>

Policy 3.2	Promote and preserve New Plymouth’s historic buildings, sites, and resources.
<i>Action 3.2a</i>	<i>Identify historically and culturally significant areas, sites, and structures that warrant recognition and preservation, and create an inventory.</i>
<i>Action 3.2b</i>	<i>Develop and adopt a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone for downtown and other areas or sites with historical significance, protecting and preserving historically significant structures and providing design guidelines, exterior repairs, and renovations. These structures are not required to be registered with the National Register of Historic Places.</i>
<i>Action 3.2c</i>	<i>Identify historic structures or sites that may be eligible to be registered with the National Register of Historic Places.</i>
<i>Action 3.2d</i>	<i>Seek grants, donations, and partnerships with public and private entities to acquire, develop, and maintain designated historic resources and special areas.</i>
Policy 3.3	Encourage adaptive reuse and maintenance of historic or architecturally significant structures.
<i>Action 3.3a</i>	<i>Encourage rehabilitation of existing structures.</i>
<i>Action 3.3b</i>	<i>Discourage “demolition due to neglect” of historic buildings.</i>
<i>Action 3.3c</i>	<i>Explore federal historic tax credits to assist in the preservation of historic structures or sites.</i>
Policy 3.4	Support and foster the growth of the Payette County Fairgrounds.
<i>Action 3.4a</i>	<i>Collaborate with the Payette County Fair Board to plan year-round activities, future improvements and expansions, integrating the fairgrounds into community planning to align with economic and recreational goals.</i>
Policy 3.5	Provide opportunities for the establishment of new special areas or sites.
<i>Action 3.5a</i>	<i>Partner with business owners and other organizations to identify a location to establish a local farmers’ market.</i>
<i>Action 3.5b</i>	<i>Facilitate public input and collaboration with local organizations, property owners, and interest groups to generate ideas and build support for new special areas.</i>
Goal 4	Preserve, enhance, and expand public art.
Policy 4.1	Support and maintain public art by local artists.
<i>Action 4.1a</i>	<i>Identify locations such as walls or open spaces that would be suitable for the installation of murals and sculptures.</i>
<i>Action 4.1b</i>	<i>Establish partnerships with schools, organizations, and businesses to install public art.</i>
<i>Action 4.1c</i>	<i>Seek grants, donations, and partnerships with public and private entities to develop and maintain public art.</i>
Policy 4.2	Encourage the integration of public art as a component of new development.



Resources and Resilience

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Hazards

This section establishes the community's vision, summarized in Image 15, for protecting New Plymouth's natural resources, supporting its agricultural heritage, and enhancing resilience to natural and human-made hazards. Agriculture remains a defining feature of the city's identity and economy, contributing to its rural character and providing food, employment opportunities, and open spaces. Preserving farmland and managing growth responsibly help sustain these benefits for future generations.

At the same time, New Plymouth's natural resources—such as water, soil, air, and wildlife habitat—are essential to environmental health, quality of life, and economic vitality. This chapter promotes stewardship of these resources and encourages practices that protect them during development and day-to-day activities.

Ultimately, the goals, policies, and actions in Table 10 recognize the necessity of mitigating the risks associated with hazards, including flooding, wildfires, and severe weather, through proactive planning and collaboration. Together, these strategies reflect the community's commitment to sustainability, safety, and resilience for all who live, work, and visit here.

Image 15. Overview of resources and resilience topics discussed during public outreach

we love the farms
preserve natural areas
honor the farming community
preserve farmland
water quality

Table 10. Resources and Resilience Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal 1	Agriculture will continue to be a key part of New Plymouth's identity.
Policy 1.1	Identify areas for preserving agriculture to maintain rural character and provide opportunities for local agricultural products and continued farming operations.
Policy 1.2	Slow the sprawl of the City's limits by discouraging fringe area development and encouraging development of vacant parcels within City Limits or parcels that have city services available.
<i>Action 1.2a</i>	<i>Collaborate with Payette County on the Area of City Impact boundaries to conserve surrounding agricultural areas until city services are available.</i>
Goal 2	Safeguard and steward the community's natural areas and resources to enhance environmental health and quality of life in New Plymouth
Policy 2.1	Ensure clean air, water, and soil through collaborative environmental management efforts.
<i>Action 2.1a</i>	<i>Cooperate with regulatory agencies, including but not limited to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, to identify and abate known environmental quality issues within the city.</i>
<i>Action 2.1b</i>	<i>Evaluate and mitigate impacts on natural resources and potential hazards as part of the new development review process.</i>
Policy 2.2	Development actions should not contribute hazardous or toxic waste within the wellhead protection zone.
Policy 2.2	Prioritize the use of irrigation water over groundwater for non-potable applications, where practical.
Policy 2.3	Ensure development activities employ best management practices for stormwater management and treatment to protect groundwater quality and overall health and safety.
Goal 3	Protect the health, safety, and well-being of New Plymouth residents and visitors by minimizing the risks and impacts of natural and human-made hazards.
Policy 3.1	Reduce the threat of loss of life and property from hazards.
<i>Action 3.1a</i>	<i>Work with Payette County Emergency Management on the implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.</i>
<i>Action 3.1b</i>	<i>Evaluate canals and ditches for potential flood or accident hazards, in coordination with applicable irrigation districts.</i>
<i>Action 3.1c</i>	<i>Coordinate with the irrigation district to remediate risks and create opportunities for public education.</i>
<i>Action 3.1d</i>	<i>Coordinate efforts with applicable railroad companies to address and minimize dangers</i>



Mobility and Essential Services

Transportation and Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities

A well-functioning community depends on the strength and reliability of its infrastructure and services. This chapter outlines goals, policies, and actions that guide New Plymouth in advancing a safe, efficient, and future-ready transportation system while ensuring the delivery of high-quality public services and utilities. As the city grows and changes, maintaining safe roadways, reliable emergency services, and well-managed infrastructure is essential to sustaining the quality of life residents expect.

Image 16. Overview of mobility and essential services topics brought up during public outreach.

street lights
safer crosswalks
quick emergency response
improve and maintain roads
maintain and upgrade city facilities
reliable water and sewer for new development
infrastructure needs to keep up with growth
invest in long-term infrastructure planning
expand public safety services
improve stormwater drainage
safety at intersections
more sidewalks

The following goals, policies, and actions in Table 11, shaped by public outreach comments summarized in Image 16, support a balanced approach that prioritizes maintenance and accessibility, coordinates development with infrastructure capacity, and plans for long-term needs through master plans and ongoing assessments. Together, these strategies aim to foster a more connected, resilient, and responsive community.

Table 11. Mobility and Essential Services Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal 1	Advance a transportation system that balances safety, efficiency, and the evolving needs of the community.
Policy 1.1	Provide a safe, accessible, and efficient circulation system that supports motorized, bicycle, and pedestrian travel throughout the community.
<i>Action 1.1a</i>	<i>Prioritize the repair and maintenance of roads, curbs, and sidewalks throughout New Plymouth.</i>
<i>Action 1.1b</i>	<i>Improve pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure, including street lighting, crosswalks, and ADA accessibility.</i>
<i>Action 1.1c</i>	<i>Address traffic safety concerns through design improvements at intersections and by implementing traffic calming measures.</i>
Policy 1.2	Require new development to provide adequate connectivity to existing transportation networks.
Policy 1.3	Plan the location and development of multi-modal transportation infrastructure to meet both current and future needs.
<i>Action 1.3a</i>	<i>Implement the New Plymouth Master Transportation Plan.</i>
Goal 2	Provide safe, reliable, and efficient public services, facilities, and utilities that are adequate to satisfy the community's needs now and in the future.
Policy 2.1	Ensure that emergency services (fire, police, EMS) can respond effectively to all areas of the city.
<i>Action 2.1a</i>	<i>Foster partnerships with emergency service providers to improve fire and medical response.</i>
Policy 2.2	Coordinate new development with the availability and capacity of public infrastructure.
<i>Action 2.2a</i>	<i>Require that development projects plan for the efficient provision of all public services.</i>
<i>Action 2.2b</i>	<i>Consider the impact on key service providers prior to acting on annexation requests at a public hearing.</i>
<i>Action 2.2c</i>	<i>Establish impact fees from new development to fund the expansion of public services.</i>
<i>Action 2.2d</i>	<i>Conduct regular infrastructure assessments to align land use plans with service capacity</i>

Policy 2.3	Ensure water, sewer, and stormwater systems are operated and maintained to a high standard, with adequate capacity to serve the community's long-term needs.
<i>Action 2.3a</i>	<i>Improve service reliability through preventative maintenance and technology upgrades.</i>
<i>Action 2.3b</i>	<i>Implement the New Plymouth Water System Master Plan and the Wastewater Facilities Master Plan.</i>
Policy 2.4	Continuously improve the overall performance and cost efficiency of the city government.
Policy 2.5	Facilitate inclusive and respectful opportunities for public input in proactive planning and development reviews, supporting informed decisions and a connected community
Goal 3	Provide adequate fire district necessities, including personnel, equipment, and training.
Policy 3.1	Require those who benefit from new growth and development to pay [development impact fees] their Proportionate Share of the costs of new Fire District Public Facilities needed to serve that new growth and development.



Property Rights

Respect for private property rights is a cornerstone of responsible governance and an essential part of maintaining trust between the city and its residents. The City is committed to ensuring that all planning, zoning, and land use decisions strike a balance that is both fair to the community and respectful of individual property owners' rights.

The following goal, policy, and action affirm the City’s dedication to upholding due process, adhering to legal standards, and protecting property rights now and for future generations. By following clear procedures and adhering to established legal guidelines, the city fosters transparency, fairness, and confidence in its land-use decisions.

Table 12. Property Rights Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal 1	Ensure that all planning, zoning, and land use decisions enacted by New Plymouth carefully balance the interests of the community while safeguarding private property rights for both current and future generations.
Policy 1.1	All land use regulations and procedures are reviewed and follow due process of law.
<i>Action 1.1a</i>	<i>Ensure that the reviews of all land use proposals are in accordance with the Attorney General’s Idaho Regulatory Takings Action Checklist.</i>