

Richfield Housing Vision Statement

Richfield is a sustainable community that is known for its strong, vibrant and eclectic, amenity-rich neighborhoods supported by a full range and balance of housing types that match the choices of its diverse residents at every stage of their lives.

THE MEANING OF WORDS IN THE VISION STATEMENT

Richfield is – *means that this is an aspirational statement. The Task Force members are describing the housing and community they want for their future.*

a sustainable community – *“community” was a theme repeated by the Task Force members throughout the process. Housing was acknowledged to be very important, but housing was viewed as a means to achieving a strong community. “Sustainable” is added to encompass environmental, economic and social considerations.*

that is known for its strong, vibrant and eclectic, amenity rich neighborhoods – *like community, strong neighborhoods were identified over and over again by the members throughout the process. The word “vibrant” means that these neighborhoods are prospering economically and socially. “Eclectic” was used to acknowledge that Richfield can have varied and unique neighborhoods, each building on distinct attributes and opportunities. “Amenity-rich” means environmental amenities like green space, trees, trails and other natural features, as well as community gathering places, coffee shops and similar cultural offerings.*

supported by a full range and balance of housing types – *the concept of housing supporting the neighborhoods is reinforced with these words.” Full range” of housing types means that there is a wide variety of housing options available for people to choose from when considering moving to or staying in Richfield. A “balance of housing types” means the avoidance of concentrations of any housing types.*

that match the choices of its diverse residents at every stage of their lives. – *“match the choices of diverse residents” means that the City has what residents want, not just what they have to adapt to. The Task Force supports a broad definition of diversity. These varied housing offerings mean that residents can stay in the community their whole lives and find housing that meets their needs and their preferences.*

RICHFIELD HOUSING VISION – COMMON GOALS

A full range of housing choices are available to meet residents' needs at every stage of their lives.

A healthy balance of housing types meets the needs of a diverse population.

The City's legacy of commitment to housing maintenance, rehabilitation and redevelopment results in an attractive, desirable and prosperous community.

Housing types and styles support healthy, walkable and amenity rich neighborhoods.

Great housing choices in desirable neighborhoods support excellent schools and strong local businesses.

Formerly tired and market obsolete areas have been transformed into vital mixed use neighborhoods with excellent public realm improvements and community gathering places.

Major redevelopment opportunities (Lakes at Lyndale, Penn Corridor, Cedar Corridor, 66th Street Corridor, I-494 Corridor) have been maximized to the community's benefit.

The housing stock reflects the community's commitment to sustainability and healthy living.

Richfield's housing and neighborhoods are important reasons why residents take pride in living here and its image and reputation are strong throughout the region.

Community housing contributes to vital and desirable neighborhoods that welcome diversity while maintaining a comfortable small town atmosphere.