



# Vision Summary & Vision Statements

## Vision Summary

*Columbia will be a connected, informed and engaged community.*

## Community Vision Statements

### **Arts and Culture**

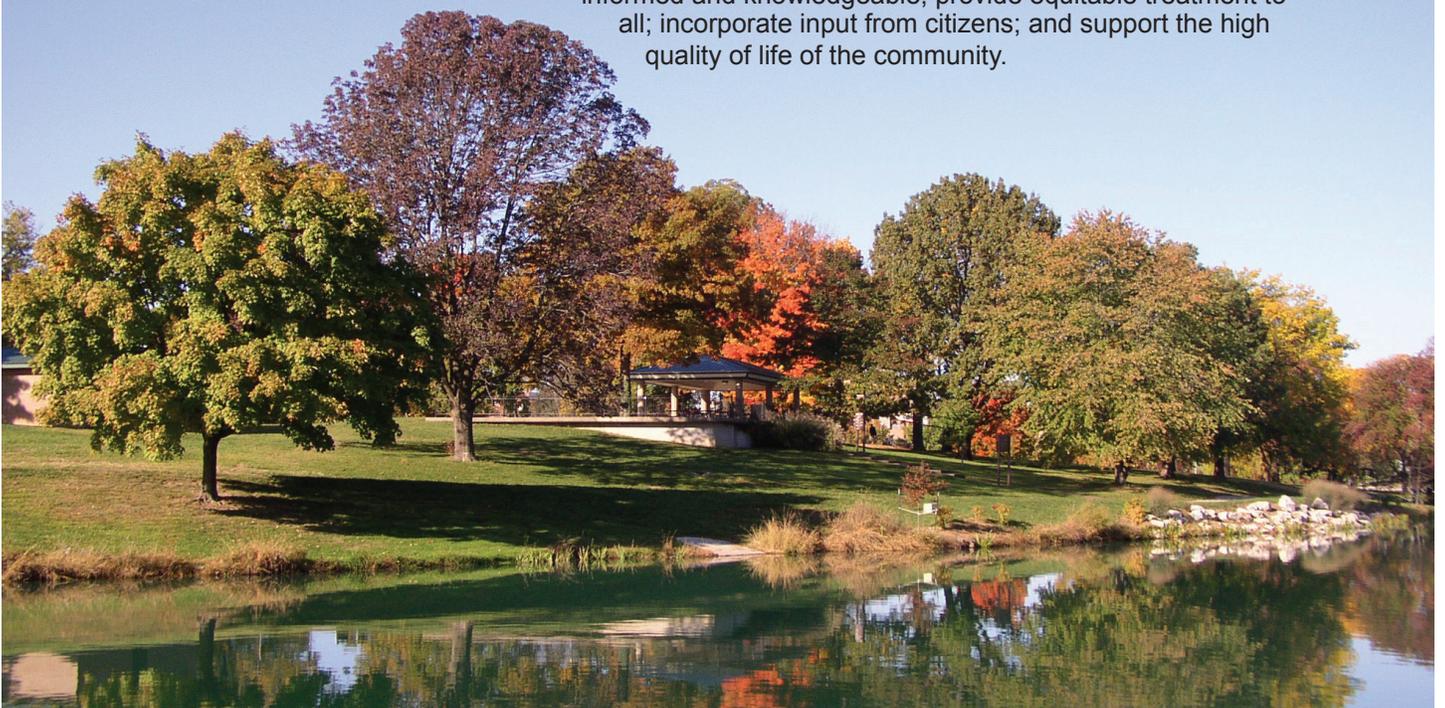
Arts and culture resources, artists and institutions are accessible to all, are supported by the community and provide a rich network of creative opportunities.

### **Community Character**

Columbia protects and encourages the expression of its historic and natural character, uniting the community with sustainable, healthy planning and design, beautifying the streets and lives of its citizens.

### **Community Facilities and Services**

High level, comprehensive, responsive services---from library, to police, emergency, substance abuse, and public works---keep the city clean, safe and beautiful, and citizens informed and knowledgeable; provide equitable treatment to all; incorporate input from citizens; and support the high quality of life of the community.



## **Community Pride and Human Relations**

Our vision of Columbia's future is one where we all embrace and help create a welcoming, just, responsive, proactive, understanding, and respectful environment for residents and visitors alike – celebrating, rather than denigrating our collective diversity.

## **Development**

Columbia, Boone County and the surrounding region protect and preserve the natural environment, agricultural areas, and cultural resources; provide adequate infrastructure; include diverse, mixed-use, walkable and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods; and develop in ways that positively contribute to and sustain community culture, heritage and character. Our community accomplishes these ends through an open, inclusive, transparent, predictable and accountable planning process with fair allocation of costs.

## **Downtown**

Downtown Columbia is a hip and vibrant district with a diversity of easily accessible businesses, residences, attractions and institutions; it is an exciting gathering place for all types of people.

## **Economic Development**

Columbia will attract, retain, and encourage business growth by establishing a business-friendly climate, enhancing regional economic partnerships and fostering a digital infrastructure.

## **Education**

Excellent education programs and facilities are available to students of all ages in a variety of programs that both support each individual's goals and address the diverse social, economic and environmental needs of the community.

## **Environment**

Columbia residents and businesses conserve all the community's natural resources, work cooperatively to apply best planning practices, model energy efficiency, transition to renewable energy and approach zero waste generation.

## **Governance and Decision Making**

Columbia's governance is a model of transparency, efficiency and citizen participation that enjoys the strong confidence of its residents.

## **Health, Social Services, and Affordable Housing**

Columbia is a supportive, compassionate, healthy community with high quality social services, a first-rate health care system and safe, quality affordable housing that are accessible to all.

## **Parks, Recreation, and Greenways**

A network of attractive and safe parks and recreational amenities are connected by trails and greenways that provide area residents with access to nature, recreation and facilities for active play, both indoors and out.

## **Transportation**

Columbia and central Missouri, a growing urban community, will have a modern transportation system, which allows its citizens to move about freely within the region using whatever means are desired – automobile, bus, bicycle, walking – and to do so safely, within a reasonable time frame and without encountering needless congestion.

### ***Our vision...Our future....Our Columbia***

***The complete vision report including goals, strategies, action plans, appendices and implementation supplement is available at [www.gocolumbiamo.com](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com) (click on Community Visioning.) For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 573-874-7214 or email [CityMan@GoColumbiaMo.com](mailto:CityMan@GoColumbiaMo.com).***