

Section 8: Environmental Protection



The City of Bloomington is strongly committed to environmental protection. Large areas of the city have been set aside as conservation and natural areas, including the entire length of Bloomington's Minnesota River Valley and significant wetland and woodland areas along Nine Mile Creek. As residential development occurred, the City also took steps to preserve numerous natural corridors to link larger natural areas and facilitate wildlife movement.

To serve as a guide to the wise use of land, water, and natural resources; to establish criteria for the protection and enhancement of environmental quality; and to foster understanding and enjoyment of the natural environment, Bloomington has included an Environmental Protection Element in its Comprehensive Plan. The City plans a future update of the Environmental Protection Element, which was last updated in a comprehensive fashion in 1980. Until that update occurs, the City will carry forward the existing 1980 Environmental Protection Element as a part of this plan by reference.