



Future Aspirations of Hanover

The City of Hanover has been selected for a Minnesota Design Team community engagement visit

Community Engagement

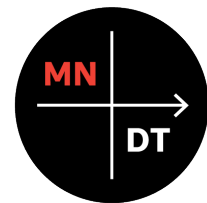
The City of Hanover is experiencing historic growth. Our community has grown about 20% in new residents since 2021, and more new homes are in the planning process. With this growth in mind, the Economic Development Authority (EDA) within the City of Hanover applied for a Minnesota Design Team (MDT) community engagement visit. Our application was selected for a visit this Fall of 2023!

Communities request MDT program visits for many reasons, such as if the community is updating its comprehensive plan, anticipating major changes (such as a roadway project), adjusting to changes (like growth), looking for outside expertise to help recognize the community's strengths and opportunities for certain types of growth (like commercial), or missing a cohesive community vision for the future.

MDT has three main objectives when working with communities:

1. To help with the preservation of community identity through a sustainable vision using existing assets.
2. To demonstrate a commitment to community participation and grassroots initiatives.
3. To create awareness of the role of design in the development of communities.

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Engagement Milestones

- June 27, 2023: Community Stakeholder Initial Brainstorm - Complete
- July 5-31, 2023: Hanover Community Stakeholder Survey (currently available)
- Sept 15-16, 2023: Design Team Visit
SAVE THE DATES - Public Engagement and Design Charrette Activities
Hanover Elementary - Friday, 6pm-9pm and Saturday, 6pm-9pm

Community Engagement Event (*Design Charrette*)

MDT believes a community's future depends on the physical, social, environmental, and economic values the community embraces and energy formed around a shared vision for the community. The work of MDT involves translating these values into sustainable design ideas the community can implement. This Fall, the City of Hanover will coordinate a two-day visit with MDT. During the visit, the MDT volunteers will learn about our community, ideate to produce sketches and ideas for our community, and will present ideas. The charrette presentation is meant to instigate action in our community. At the final presentation, community members will be invited to implement ideas that are catered to pressure points in the community.

About Minnesota Design Team (MDT)

Minnesota Design Team (MDT) is an AIA Minnesota program composed of architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, and other experts in design and community development. Since 1983, it has worked with more than 130 Minnesota communities helping them to develop shared visions for improving their physical and environmental environments. As part of the AIA (American Association of Architects), MDT assists communities in planning and designing a viable, appropriate future. It works within the fundamental planning process that allows residents to take the initiative in continuing to plan a future that reflects the dreams and interests of the community. It is a group of multi-disciplined design professionals who serve communities across Minnesota through a unique process focused on community engagement. This design-based process (called a design charrette) is a series of community inputs and a hands-on workshop that brings community members together to explore design options for particular focus areas prioritized by the community.