TOGETHER 2045
Bismarck's Comprehensive Plan

NAME YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Determining Neighborhood Names and Boundaries

May 11, 2022

A map identifying neighborhoods and boundaries is a component of the Together 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The goal is to define naturally occurring names and boundaries for neighborhoods and business districts in Bismarck and the surrounding rural areas. Understanding the unique identities of Bismarck neighborhoods will assist the comprehensive planning process and future communications between the City and residents.

Preliminary Map

Planning staff drafted a preliminary map with suggested boundaries and names based on the following information:

- Subdivision names

- Responses to the Together 2045 Household Survey question: "What name would you use to describe your neighborhood" (See Household Survey for full results of this question)

- Major landmarks and dividing lines

- Neighborhoods used in the social media site Nextdoor

- Local knowledge of staff and advisors

- Roughly proportional boundaries based on area and population

This map was then reviewed with the Technical Advisory Committee and additional revisions were made.

Name Your Neighborhood Survey

This draft map was then published in an online survey called "Name your Neighborhood," distributed to plan stakeholders, and made available to the public online via Facebook and the City's website.

For each suggested name, the survey asked:

- Is this a name that you use?

- Do you like this name?

- Does the boundary make sense?

The survey received 107 responses between March 29 and April 12, 2022. Although respondents were asked to only reply based on their own neighborhood, several recipients filled out multiple questions. These were not disregarded, but more weight was given to individual responses. The survey also included open-ended questions for suggestions of new names or adjustments to boundaries.

Original Draft Map:

	Is this a name that you use?				Do you like this name?				Does the boundary make sense?			
	Yes	Some times	Not at all	Total	Yes	Some what	Not at all	Total	Yes	Some what	Not at all	Total
Airport District	25%	0%	75%	8	67%	17%	17%	6	83%	17%	0%	6
Apple Creek	78%	22%	0%	9	100%	0%	0%	7	100%	0%	0%	7
Apple Creek Industrial	13%	0%	88%	8	40%	40%	20%	5	60%	20%	20%	5
Ashwood	13%	0%	88%	8	60%	40%	0%	5	40%	40%	20%	5
Bismarck State	71%	0%	29%	7	60%	40%	0%	5	60%	40%	0%	5
Boulder Ridge	90%	0%	10%	10	100%	0%	0%	8	100%	0%	0%	8
Brentwood	33%	17%	50%	6	33%	33%	33%	3	67%	0%	33%	3
Brookfield	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	0%	50%	2	50%	0%	50%	2
Burnt Creek	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Capital East	13%	13%	75%	8	17%	33%	50%	6	17%	67%	17%	6
Capital West	20%	0%	80%	5	0%	67%	33%	3	0%	67%	33%	3
Cathedral	75%	0%	25%	8	100%	0%	0%	5	67%	33%	0%	6
Central	14%	0%	86%	7	40%	20%	40%	5	50%	25%	25%	4
Century East	40%	0%	60%	5	67%	0%	33%	3	67%	0%	33%	3
Century Park	75%	0%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Circle K	75%	0%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Clear Sky	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Copper Ridge	75%	0%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Cottonwood	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Country North	25%	0%	75%	4	0%	50%	50%	2	0%	50%	50%	2
Country West	80%	0%	20%	5	67%	0%	33%	3	67%	0%	33%	3
Countryside	50%	0%	50%	4	50%	0%	50%	2	0%	50%	50%	2
Crescent Ridge	60%	20%	20%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Crested Butte	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Daybreak East	0%	0%	100%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Daybreak West	0%	25%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Daytona Classics	0%	0%	100%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Downtown	100%	0%	0%	6	100%	0%	0%	4	75%	25%	0%	4
Eagle Crest	50%	33%	17%	6	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	4
East Bowen	75%	25%	0%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
East Divide Commerce	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2

	Is this a name that you use?				Do you like this name?				Does the boundary make sense?			
	Yes	Some times	Not at all	Total	Yes	Some what	Not at all	Total	Yes	Some what	Not at all	Total
East Main	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Edgewood North	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Edgewood South	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Elk Ridge	83%	0%	17%	6	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	4
England Acres	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Equine Estates	17%	0%	83%	6	25%	75%	0%	4	25%	75%	0%	4
Expressway Bend	50%	25%	25%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Falconers	0%	0%	100%	4	0%	100%	0%	2	0%	50%	50%	2
Fernwood	0%	0%	100%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Fox Island	100%	0%	0%	5	67%	33%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
Foxhaven	75%	0%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Gateway	67%	0%	33%	6	50%	0%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	4
Gateway North	33%	0%	67%	6	0%	67%	33%	3	33%	33%	33%	3
Germantown	17%	0%	83%	12	30%	40%	30%	10	60%	30%	10%	10
Grande Prairie	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Grandview	40%	0%	60%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
Green Acres	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Grimsrud	67%	0%	33%	6	75%	0%	25%	4	67%	33%	0%	3
Harvest Grove	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Hawktree	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Hay Creek	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
Hay Creek Pines	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Heritage Park/Ridge	83%	0%	17%	6	75%	25%	0%	4	50%	50%	0%	4
High Meadows	60%	0%	40%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
High Plains	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
Highland Acres	100%	0%	0%	13	100%	0%	0%	11	100%	0%	0%	11
Hightop	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
Hillside	100%	0%	0%	9	100%	0%	0%	7	86%	14%	0%	7
Horizon Heights	67%	11%	22%	9	100%	0%	0%	7	86%	0%	14%	7
Imperial Valley	25%	25%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Kirkwood	57%	14%	29%	7	40%	20%	40%	5	40%	60%	0%	5

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Lake Park	17%	0%	83%	6	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	25%	25%	4
Little Canada	17%	33%	50%	6	25%	75%	0%	4	75%	25%	0%	4
Memorial	75%	0%	25%	4	50%	0%	50%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
Memory	25%	0%	75%	4	0%	100%	0%	2	0%	50%	50%	2
Miller	50%	33%	17%	6	25%	50%	25%	4	25%	75%	0%	4
Missouri Parks	14%	0%	86%	7	0%	80%	20%	5	40%	60%	0%	5
Misty Waters	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
North Hills	0%	0%	100%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
North Valley	0%	0%	100%	5	67%	0%	33%	3	33%	33%	33%	3
Northridge	63%	25%	13%	8	67%	33%	0%	6	67%	33%	0%	6
Northridge Estates	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Northwood	25%	0%	75%	4	0%	100%	0%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
Old Highway 10	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Old West	14%	0%	86%	7	20%	20%	60%	5	60%	0%	40%	5
Pebble Creek	86%	0%	14%	7	80%	0%	20%	5	100%	0%	0%	5
Pheasant Valley	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Pinehurst	83%	17%	0%	6	75%	25%	0%	4	75%	25%	0%	4
Ponderosa Village	50%	0%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Prairie Crest	25%	0%	75%	4	0%	100%	0%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
Prairie Pines	20%	0%	80%	5	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Prairie View	50%	0%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Promontory Point	78%	11%	11%	9	86%	14%	0%	7	86%	14%	0%	7
Rita Murphy	80%	0%	20%	5	67%	0%	33%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Rocket Country	17%	0%	83%	6	33%	33%	33%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Rolling Meadows	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
School Section	0%	0%	100%	5	0%	50%	50%	2	0%	50%	50%	2
Shamrock Acres	20%	20%	60%	5	100%	0%	0%	3	100%	0%	0%	3
Sibley	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Silver Ranch	88%	0%	13%	8	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	5
Sleepy Hollow	67%	33%	0%	9	57%	43%	0%	7	60%	20%	20%	5
Sonnet Heights	17%	17%	67%	6	25%	25%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	4

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South 12th Corridor	20%	0%	80%	5	33%	33%	33%	3	50%	50%	0%	2
South Bay/South Meadows	71%	14%	14%	7	67%	17%	17%	6	80%	20%	0%	5
Southport	75%	0%	25%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Southridge	50%	0%	50%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Spiritwood	25%	0%	75%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	0%	100%	0%	2
State Street North	75%	0%	25%	4	50%	0%	50%	2	50%	0%	50%	2
Sunnyview	25%	0%	75%	4	50%	50%	0%	2	50%	50%	0%	2
Sunrise	60%	20%	20%	5	67%	33%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Tatley Meadows	100%	0%	0%	5	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
The Pointe	25%	25%	50%	4	50%	0%	50%	2	50%	0%	50%	2
United Tribes	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
University of Mary	100%	0%	0%	4	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2
Wachter	83%	17%	0%	6	67%	33%	0%	3	67%	33%	0%	3
Whispering Bay	80%	0%	20%	5	100%	0%	0%	2	100%	0%	0%	2

Some general comments were provided:

- I like the idea but there are entirely too many for these to be useful to anyone except realtors. Considering using Washington, State/9th/University, and Centennial/Expressway as N/S boundaries and Expressway, Main, I94, and eventually 43rd as E/W boundaries. That would give you 12 neighborhoods. You could then use other major or significant streets to create subsections with either North/South or East/West divisions if need be. You could make some exceptions for areas with well used names like Highland Acres. Try to imagine how useful these would be to out of town travelers who are not familiar with Bismarck.

- Native American Community, Amongst the Bismarck metro area, identify that we have one.

- We are developing next to Heritage Park Addition, and have tentatively names the development Blackacre after William Blackstone, a distinguished jurist.

- I can see shifting boundaries for voting districts based on population. I see no other reason.

The respondents were generally favorable to the suggested names, although there were several noteworthy exceptions that required attention. The results of this survey and the household survey both highlight that many neighborhoods, particularly in older parts of Bismarck, do not have distinct identities. Several suggested names were unfamiliar to the respondents, but they were preferred nevertheless.

Final Draft Neighborhoods Map

The following changes were made based on survey responses:

- Old West changed to Washington Heights. People use Gun Streets but don't think it's very dignified. One person liked Wild West.

- Rocket Country changed to Homan Acres. Space Streets had support too and is widely used. Could go either way.

- Removed Capital East and created a Hillside North. Residents identify with Hillside on both sides of the park.

- Central changed to Bismarck High School. Respondents didn't like Central because it lacks character. Suggestions were Capitol or Cathedral, but that would make this area too big. BHS is right in the middle of the district, so this name was chosen.

- Germantown changed to Riverwood. Several pointed out that the true German street area is not that large, so it was including many homes that did not associate this way. Riverwood was suggested and is not already used.

- Merged Gateway North with Little Canada. Received some strong opposition to this name. Little Canada was well liked and Canadian city names are still used.

- Missouri Parks changed to Riverside Parks. No respondents used this name, because there are no actual parks named Missouri.

- Merged Lake Park with Riverside Parks. This name was not often used, and not well liked.

- Increased size of downtown a little, based on suggestion and proportionality with other districts

The resulting draft will be included in the Introduction section of the full draft plan released in May 2022. A static version is shown on the following page, and the online version is available here.

May 2022 Draft Neighborhood Map

Prairie Crest
Northwood
Hay Creek Pines
Brentwood
Prairie Pines
Shamrock Acres
Harvest Grove
Hawktree
Sunnyview
Crescent Ridge
Northridge Estates
State Street North
Foxhaven
Hightop
Ponderosa Village
Ashwood
Burnt Creek
Misty Waters
Crested Butte
Green Acres
Memory
Circle K
Pheasant Valley
Country North
Heritage Park/Ridge
Daybreak East
Daybreak West
Fernwood
Boulder Ridge
Sonnet Heights
Hay Creek
Rolling Meadows
Eagle Crest
Horizon Heights
Grande Prairie
Silver Ranch
Elk Ridge
The Pointe
Equine Estates
North Hills
North Valley
Edgewood North
Promontory Point
Daytona Classics
Little Canada
Memorial
Century Sunrise
Sattler
Country West
High Meadows
Gateway
Edgewood East
Edgewood South
Washington Heights
Homan Acres
Pebble Creek
Century Park
Grandview
Pinehurst
Grimsrud
Northridge
Miller
East Divide Commerce
Bismarck State
Sleepy Hollow
Countryside
Highland Acres
Capital District
Hillside North
School Section
Brookfield
Bismarck High School
Hillside South
Rita Murphy
Old Highway 10
Apple Creek
Cathedral District
Downtown
East Main
Prairie View
Riverside Parks
East Bowen
Expressway Bend
Clear Sky
Kirkwood
South 12th Corridor
Apple Creek Industrial
Riverwood
Wachter
Airport District
Southport
Whispering Bay
Tatley Meadows
Cottonwood
Fox Island
United Tribes
South Bay/South Meadows
High Plains
Imperial Valley
England Acres
Spiritwood
Sibley
Falconers
Copper Ridge
Southridge
University of Mary

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