



**Council Listening Session #3**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**



It's the year 2028. The City of Elk River is recognized by the *Star Tribune* as the state's #1 community, citing its vibrant community, economic health, high quality of life, and excellent community recreational facilities. What led to this statewide recognition?

- Community members working together with city government to create quality facilities, parks, trails and programs. Opportunities should be balanced between all demographics and interests.
- Citizens work together on active needs of the city – proactive.
- Intelligent investing of scarce resources.
- Having a state of the art community center not only for our youth but for everyone.
- Community outreach development and urbanization.
- A place for youth and seniors to be active and to thrive.
- Clean city (like Rochester, MN) that reflects pride in one's community and respectfulness.
- Low crime rate.
- Athletic facilities.
- Family friendly venues and entertainment.
- More business . . . good paying jobs and more industrial.
- Transportation routes.
- Schools and education.
- Smart budget planning and investing.
- Community support.
- Engagement opportunity.
- New/Improved community facilities for youth and seniors
- City and residents invest in its community with forward thoughts, not just fixing what we currently have and staying status quo.
- Community participation rose through city events.
- Location - River, move out of the city.
- Expanded school district – good health – updated schools – top schooling
- Work together for common good – people/community work together (hockey, softball, etc)
- Abstracting more companies and corporations – more tax revenue
- Technology – high tech
- People wanting to say they live in ER – taxes too high.
- Medical facilities – close.
- Schools growth of participation
- Additional sports.
- Transportation/Northstar.

- Communication.
- Solar power for buildings.
- Community involvement.
- Community members involved in decision making.
- Increased spending and recreational products.
- Grocery stores and farmers markets accepting snap benefits.

### How can I help Elk River become front page news in ten years?

- Peer connection.
- Senior public participation.
- Volunteering.
- Community fundraising.
- Senior trash pickup.
- Elementary connection.
- Support and positive involvement – contribute to future vision.
- Support our youth.
- Vote. Today's government supports future generations.
- Volunteer in our community.
- Engage in community events.
- Educate others.
- Volunteering.
- Raise kids as responsible adults.
- Support youth activities.
- Making family a priority.
- Participate in community events.
- Being involved in the school.
- Representing school well.
- Volunteer.
- Engage with other community members.
- Being active in the community.
- Volunteer in the community.
- Supporting local businesses.
- Setting positive examples.
- Keeping the environment clean.
- Involvement.
- Actions for others – pay it forward.
- Be informed is know what's going on (get actual facts, clear up assumptions & step up).
- Talk to people – communicate.
- Let others know what you think (council members).
- Pay taxes.

- Volunteer and support all aspects of the community.
- As a senior (55+) join RSVP
- Volunteer and help organize other volunteers who will work together to create high quality recreational opportunities.
- Be able to listen to all other's concerns and ideas and come to a consensus without being upset with outcome.
- Be involved and considerate – alternate viewpoints.
- Getting involved and listening to others opinions.
- Mentoring our youth. Helping them build good work ethic and character.