

B-CLEAR DATA SET SPOTLIGHT: OFFICER TRAINING DATA BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

“B-Clear” is short for *Bloomington Clear*, a web-based, one-stop site for data about the City of Bloomington, its services, and its neighborhoods. The site is open to the public and includes over 200 data sets about everything from park trails to police calls to paving schedules. This month, I’m spotlighting the *Officer Training Data* for the *Bloomington Police Department*. How much training do BPD officers receive on firearms? How about mental health issues? Addiction? Evidence collection? De-escalation tactics? What about crimes against children? Crimes against places of worship? The use of NARCAN? Blood borne pathogens? Dementia? It’s all here ... and it’s *fascinating*.

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://data.bloomington.in.gov/dataset/officer-training-data>

UREPORT: ON LINE REPORTING AND HELP REQUESTS

See a swing set at the park that needs to be repaired? A sidewalk that’s blocked by overgrown vegetation? A street light that’s not working? A pothole that needs to be patched? Have an idea for a program that you’d like to share with the Parks Department? Have a compliment for a city staff member? **Use UReport!**

This online portal is a quick, easy way to communicate with the city about non-emergency issues like those above. The site is easy to navigate with drop-down menus, open fields to record your comments, and even a place to upload your photos of whatever needs attention. When you submit your reports or comment to the City it will be sent to the appropriate department and you’ll hear back from the staff who are working on the issue (generally within a day or two). You may also send an e-mail directly to info@bloomington.in.gov or call the City at 812.349.3400, (but I’ve found UReport to be a lot faster!)

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/ureport-about>

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO): NEW DRAFT ZONING MAP NOW AVAILABLE (THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL)

What changes will you be permitted to make to your property? What could a developer build on that lot next door (or down the street)? What materials need to be used for new construction in your neighborhood? Once finalized, the *Unified Development Ordinance* (UDO) and *Zoning Map* will answer *exactly* these kinds of questions for years to come.

(So again ... this is a big deal!)

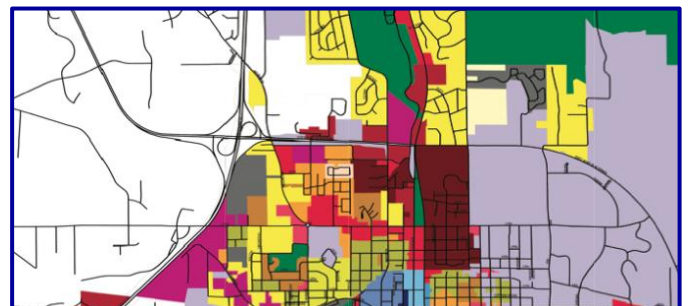
Approved in April 2020, the *UDO* brings the City’s land use and development laws into closer alignment with the City’s *2018 Comprehensive Plan* and supports goals like housing equity, compact urban form, and sustainability. Now, a draft of the proposed new *Bloomington Zoning Map* has been published to the City’s website as part of the last phase of the process of updating these important policy documents.

In addition to the draft map, the website below contains amendments to UDO standards, a proposed zoning changes story map, an interactive map (where you can enter your own address) and more. **There will be multiple meetings in the coming weeks to gather public input, plus I’ve invited Planning staff to our December 5th Constituent Meeting. You may also want to provide feedback through online surveys on the project website (see below).**

The input collected during this period will help staff prepare for public hearings in early 2021, after which City Council will consider and adopt a new zoning map for the city, along with text amendments.

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/planning/udo/map/updates>





2020 ELECTION RESULTS: WHO REPRESENTS US NOW AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL?

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SPEEDERS MAKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LESS SAFE? THE TRAFFIC CALMING AND GREENWAYS PROGRAM CAN HELP!

On Wednesday, October 21st, City Council passed *Ordinance 20-17* to replace the old *Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program* with the **Traffic Calming and Greenways Program (TCGP)**. Bloomington residents will now have an easier time requesting traffic-calming devices – like speed cushions, speed humps, and “bump outs” - in their neighborhoods. The new policy provides two distinct processes to follow in order to install traffic calming. One process is for *resident-led and resident-requested* projects. The other is a transparent process for the *City* to install neighborhood greenways and traffic calming devices.



Through the **Resident-Led Traffic Calming Process**, groups of organized residents may request speed cushions and other devices to slow motor vehicle traffic and help minimize speeding. The process will run as a yearly grant cycle in which projects will be objectively evaluated and ranked based upon risk factors (like frequent fatal or injury-causing crashes) and prevalence of vulnerable road users (like children or the elderly). High-ranking projects can then be prioritized and funded based on the resources made available for these projects, and as determined by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission. The first call for proposals is expected later this month.

FIND OUT MORE:

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