

Figure 13: Redfield, IA Existing Land Use Map

Future Land Use

Envisioning the future land use of a community involves building upon the existing land use framework of the city, while allowing for future changes that align with future goals and needs. Land use planning serves as a roadmap, guiding the allocation of land for diverse purposes such as real estate development, private, commercial, industrial, and residential zones, as well as spaces for public and civic functions, economic advancement, recreational areas, and the preservation of natural resources. This ensures the compatibility of different land uses across various locations.

A Future Land Use map embodies a visual representation of the community's evolution, showcasing altered land uses within the current city boundaries as well as potential for annexation beyond city limits. Each future land use designation foresees the most fitting usage for specific parcels, lots, and regions. This determination takes into account factors like levels of municipal services infrastructure and utility capacities, natural resources, social requirements, demographics, housing and commercial trends, economic growth potential, market dynamics, and prospects for redevelopment.