



# ZAP!

ZONING ALIGNMENT PROJECT

REFERRAL TO THE ROCHESTER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DECEMBER 9, 2021



Rochester  
2034  
*MOVING FORWARD*

## ZAP GOALS

- Align Zoning Code and Map with *Rochester 2034* (e.g., Placemaking Plan, Expand housing choices, Support pipeline economic development, etc.)
- Modernize the Code to address emerging trends, like energy and sustainability
- Make the Code user friendly through increased use of graphics and charts
- Reduce inconsistencies with the Building Code and other City Codes
- Reduce the likelihood for variances

# SEQR

- Involved Agencies include Mayor and City Council
- Mayor is the Lead Agency
- Intend to prepare a Generic Environmental Impact Statement



# PROCESS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

- SCOPING
- DRAFT EIS
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (INCLUDING A PUBLIC HEARING)
- FINAL EIS
- FINDINGS STATEMENT

## EIS ADVANTAGES

- Presents in-depth disclosure of the proposed Zoning changes, impacts, and mitigation.
- Provides for analysis of alternatives.
- Contains the public input process.

# GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- According to §617.10(a) “Generic EISs may be broader, and more general than site or project specific EISs and should discuss the logic and rationale for the choices advanced.”
- This GEIS will describe the proposed Code and how it seeks to respond to the directives of *Rochester 2034* and emerging land use issues, identify major foreseeable impacts, and mitigate those impacts.

## REC ROLE IN ZAP

- The Commission shall hold a public hearing on any draft environmental impact statement for which the City is responsible. The Commission shall submit a report to the City department which will prepare the final environmental impact statement summarizing all comments on the draft environmental impact statement and containing a recommendation for the disposition of each comment.
- After holding a public hearing on a draft environmental impact statement, the Commission shall issue a report containing the Commission's recommendation as to whether or not the proposed action should be approved or whether or not the proposed action could be modified to minimize expected environmental harm. This report shall be deemed advisory only.