



# Executive Summary

## Kerkhoven Comprehensive Plan: Building our Community

### Kerkhoven Community Vision Summary for 2020 – 2030:

Kerkhoven’s purpose driven decision making has built the community to what it is today. Kerkhoven is a small community where you can celebrate, rest and be at home with your neighbor. Kerkhoven provides a positive environment that embraces diversity and offers educational opportunities for all.

### Strategy Highlights

#### Land Use

- Plan ahead to provide infrastructure for new housing development

#### Housing

- Increase housing units
- Senior housing



#### Parks and Recreation

- Update facilities at Pillsbury Park
- Support the new Parks and Recreation Board



#### Economic Development

- Support the EDA in efforts to fill vacant commercial buildings and lots



#### Public Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

- Plan for future growth infrastructure
- Find ways to add childcare options



#### Transportation

- Increase safety across MN Hwy 12 and railroad.
- Plan for improvements and maintenance.



#### Community Vitality

- Coordinate and facilitate community involvement.
- Create new website to keep public informed.



## Community Pulse

Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017

Population	691
Households	329
Median Age	34
Median Family Income	\$61,406
Unemployment Rate	4%

Housing Units	366
Vacant Units	64
Median Home Value	\$91,400
Median Rent	\$620

- ▶ Overall, Kerkhoven has even distribution of income, well off and slightly diverse. The population has an older population but is younger and growing compared to cities in our region.



- ▶ The cost of living in Kerkhoven is lower than the metropolitan area.
- ▶ More people have a high school diploma as their highest educational attainment compared to the state.



- ▶ The number of households in Kerkhoven has increased by 53% since 1960 (approximately 100 households in 60 years). Household size has decreased by 24%.



- ▶ The unemployment rate is higher than the state of Minnesota but not by much. Household incomes are lower than the state but higher than much of our region. There are a lower number of families living in poverty in comparison to the state.



## Using this Plan

The Kerkhoven Comprehensive Plan includes an **Action Plan** with strategies for each topic area.

**Step 1:** Annually prioritize the strategies in the action plan to see what to work on first.

**Step 2:** The project lead, the timeline and resources can be identified for the top projects.

