Purpose
The purpose of the Future Land Use Map is to determine appropriate locations for future uses and activities while establishing a set of design characteristics for distinct areas within the city. The map shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries, but should provide general direction for new development and redevelopment projects.

Neighborhoods (N)
The Neighborhoods future land use category consists primarily of residential areas focused on sustaining a high quality of life through clear, well-maintained infrastructure, housing, open space, schools, and limited service/institutional uses. Single-family residential should remain the primary use within neighborhoods. It is the intention to preserve and enhance these uses and to regulate the design of new residential infill products to be within the context of the surrounding environment. Institutional, light office, and service uses are considered secondary uses and may be located along the frontage of arterial streets and intersections. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Centers (NC)
The Neighborhood Center future land use category applies to corner retail sites along major arterials. Redevelopment of existing retail centers is strongly encouraged and should reduce retail square footage, focus on quality design and pedestrian access, and increase the mix of uses. Neighborhood Center uses are typically located in low-rise buildings with retail, service, and office uses that serve the adjacent neighborhoods. The introduction of residential uses within Neighborhood Centers is recommended where it can be accomplished in a context-sensitive manner and integrated into the center. When residential is introduced, single-family uses are desired for compatibility with existing adjacent neighborhoods. Neighborhood centers will be based on the concepts of mixed-use, community design, and transit-oriented design, where possible. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods. Useable open space will be included within the centers to create active and interesting public spaces.

Regional Centers (RC)
The Regional Center future land use category applies to large commercial developments within high traffic corridors. Regional Center uses are typically located in low to mid-rise buildings and include retail, service, and office uses that serve a regional population. Regional centers are intended to have a mixture of large shopping centers, restaurants, theaters, offices, and other supporting uses. Residential development is supported in these centers and should be incorporated within mixed-use or transit-oriented developments. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods. Useable open space will be included within the centers to create active and interesting public spaces.
Compact Complete Centers (CCC)

The Compact Complete Centers future land use category applies to areas that may see new growth or experience significant redevelopment. Compact Complete Centers should include mid-rise buildings with office, retail, service, entertainment, and residential uses, which are based on the concepts of mixed-use, community design, and where possible, transit-oriented design. Uses should be integrated within the development and should create self-contained neighborhoods that are navigable by walking or using bicycles. Uses should also be serviced by parking structures to reduce surface parking and encourage efficient use of land. Useable open space will be included within the centers to create active and interesting public spaces.

Transit Corridor (TC)

The Transit Corridor future land use category applies to the Downtown Plano core and the adjoining rail corridor linking the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) red/orange line and the future Cotton Belt line. It is the intention to continue the transformation of the Downtown Plano core into a distinct and authentic urban center and expand the vision for transit-oriented development within the entire corridor. Major uses within Transit Corridor include housing, retail, cultural facilities, hotels, and government offices. Infill and redevelopment projects should be compatible with the historical character of the area and transit-oriented residential, employment, retail, and civic uses should be located between one-quarter to one-half mile walking distance of a transit stop. Uses should be serviced by parking structures to reduce surface parking and encourage efficient use of land. Street, bike trail, and sidewalk improvements will be emphasized to create a more accessible, walkable, and unified corridor. Useable open space will be included to create active and interesting public spaces. Commercial and residential uses within the corridor shall be designed to acknowledge visibility from rail, especially where elevated, as a gateway to the community.

Expressway Corridors (EXC)

The Expressway Corridor future land use category applies to development along major expressways serving regional and interstate commerce. Development in these corridors is expected to include a mix of retail, service, office, restaurant, medical, hotel, and technology based uses. Uses should be serviced by parking structures to reduce surface parking and encourage efficient use of land. Due to noise and health impacts of expressways, residential development is generally not appropriate in these corridors. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods.
Employment Centers (EC)
The Employment Center future land use category applies to business centers. The primary uses for employment centers are commercial uses which provide corporate office campuses, medical centers, educational facilities, technology centers, and research facilities. Limited manufacturing and warehouse uses may be allowed to support the employment centers. Adequate building setbacks must be considered when development is proposed near neighborhoods. Residential development is not appropriate within these centers in order to ensure the city’s ability to attract and maintain employment generating uses.

Social Network (SN)
The Social Network future land use category includes a wide range of public and private uses such as colleges, universities, major public schools (high school/senior high schools) athletic complexes, recreational facilities, libraries, golf courses, country clubs, and large private open spaces. These areas are intended to retain their character to provide regional recreation and social opportunities.

Open Space Network (OSN)
The Open Space Network future land use category includes major public open space preserves, community parks, neighborhood parks, linear parks, and trails. These areas are intended to retain their character to provide regional recreation and leisure opportunities.