

# Memorandum

## City of Lawrence

### Douglas County

### Planning & Development Services

**TO: Planning Commission**

**FROM: Planning Staff**

**CC: Scott McCullough, Director**

**Date: Item Misc No. 1 – For November 12, 2012 Commission Meeting**

**RE: Long-Range Planning Work Program**

This memo is provided to outline the recommended long-range planning work program. An update of recent efforts is presented, along with a list of future work projects, of which some will begin in 2013. Staff is seeking input from the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission, Lawrence City Commission and Douglas County Board of County Commissioners on the work program to help set priorities for 2013. Staff's recommended priorities for 2013 are shown below. Other projects will be worked on as resources allow.

#### **Major Projects Completed – 2012**

1. Annual Comprehensive Plan Review – PC received 5/21/12
2. *Inverness Park District Plan [Revision]* – CC adopted 5/15/12, BCC adopted 6/13/12
3. *Northeast Sector Plan* – PC Approved, BCC & CC comments returned to PC 12/12/11, BCC adopted 6/13/12, CC adopted 9/11/12
4. US-40 and K-10 Plan –
  - Background work with KDOT in 2011, Completed March 2012
5. Complete Streets –
  - Background work in 2011, CC adopted 3/27/12
6. Innoprise software implementation to coordinate development applications –
  - Go-live in June 2012 / on-going implementation

## **Major Projects in Process – 2012**

1. Downtown Redevelopment Study – [Fall/Winter 2012](#)
2. Update Retail Market Study – biannual survey – [Fall/Winter 2012](#)
3. 2010 Census Follow-up - [Fall 2012](#)
  - Analysis
  - Reports/Challenge
  - Comprehensive Plan amendments – following response to challenge (end of year or early 2013 – CPA-5-2-11)
4. Sector Plan Implementation Items
  - *Oread Neighborhood Plan*
    - Develop Overlay Districts with Design Guidelines as identified in the plan – [Staff review/development underway](#)
    - Development Code text amendment
      - Congregate living - [Completed](#)
  - *Farmland Industries Redevelopment Plan* - Underway - Fall 2012
    - Master planning – [Completed/infrastructure planning underway](#)
    - Property platting - [PC approved 9/24/12](#)
    - Rezoning – [CC approved 10/23/12](#)
  - *West of K-10 Plan* implementation
    - Update the *West 6<sup>th</sup> Street/K-10 Nodal Plan* to reflect adopted Future Land Use designations of the *West of K-10 Plan* – [In process \(or may be modified\) with CC600 CPA](#)
5. *Environment Chapter* implementation
  - *Potential Regulations*
    - Stream Setback Ordinance for Lawrence - [Mapping assistance from Stormwater Engineer required](#)
    - Review Development Code /prepare text amendments regarding community gardens and markets - [Completed – consider additional revisions to the Home Occupations standards regarding on premises sales](#)
  - *Inventories*
    - Woodland/Tree Inventory for County – [Surveys conducted summer 2012/report to be delivered mid-2013](#)
    - Wetlands/Riparian Areas
    - Document & Map existing quarries – [Research currently underway](#)
    - Identify appropriate locations within County for sand dredging operations – [Research currently underway](#)
    - Agricultural Soils – [GIS layer developed and available 2012](#)

## **Major Projects – 2013**

1. Community Review of Horizon 2020 Goals & Policies – Major update to the comprehensive plan with multiple community meetings to review and affirm policies
2. Horizon 2020 Amendments Initiated or Identified
  - *Chapter 3 – General Plan Overview*
    - Map 3-1 – Update Lawrence UGA Service Areas & Future Land Use Map (after Census analysis and water/wastewater master plan updates) – CPA-2008-8
    - Map 3-1 – Modify UGA boundaries in Grant Township (as recommended in *Northeast Sector Plan*)
    - Map 3-2 – Update Lawrence Future Land Use Map to incorporate adopted Sector Plans and improved readability – CPA-5-3-11
    - Map 3-3 – Douglas County Growth Areas – Modify identified UGAs around small cities to Planning Areas and reflect adopted comprehensive plans (on hold until Lawrence UGA is revised/utility master plans updated) – CPA-2008-2
  - *Chapter 4 – Growth Management*
    - Maps 4-1 & 4-2 – Update with new County road classifications – CPA-5-4-11
  - *Chapter 6 – Commercial Land Use*
    - Update policies for auto-related commercial development – CPA-5-5-11
  - *Chapter 9 – Parks, Recreation and Open Space*
    - Map 9-2 – Update Future Park Zones Map to reflect latest floodplain maps – CPA-5-6-11
  - *Chapter 10 – Community Facilities*
    - Chapter review and update – CPA-4-5-10
  - *Chapter 11 – Historic Resources*
    - Chapter update - HRC 5/23/11 recommended; PC approved 6/20/11 – CPA-4-4-10
  - *Chapter 17 – Implementation*
    - Chapter update to reflect completed tasks & identify new steps
3. Sector Plan Implementation Items
  - *Oread Neighborhood Plan*
    - Develop Overlay Districts with Design Guidelines as identified in the plan – Continue staff review/development and public review/adoption process
4. Review Development Code requirements and process for Comprehensive Plan Amendments associated with rezoning cases and for applicant requested CPAs – TA-12-00206 - CC initiated 8/12/12
5. CRS (Community Rating System) Manual Review
  - Potential Development Code Amendments to follow
6. Develop Innoprise Citizen Access Component
7. Participate in Local Food Policy initiatives

### **Major Projects – Beyond 2013**

1. Continue Community Review of Horizon 2020 Goals & Policies – [Continue major update to the comprehensive plan with multiple community meetings to review and affirm policies](#)
2. Continue Development of Innoprise Citizen Access Component
3. *Environment Chapter* implementation
  - *Potential Regulations*
    - Wetlands protections
    - Woodland and Urban Forest protections
  - *Inventories*
    - Groundwater
    - Mineral Deposits
4. Commercial Design Standards Review
5. *South of Wakarusa* Sector Plan