

2014 Planning & Development Services Annual Report

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BSD staff also contributed regular articles for the LHBA monthly newsletters on topics such as BSD current events and code updates and reminders.

Department Statistics

The Planning and Development Services Department (PDS) handles a multitude of inquiries, applications, and projects related to development in the community throughout the year.

Overall, the PDS Department handled **7,550** planning applications, licenses, permits, code enforcement cases, rental licenses and inquiries in 2014.

PDS Applications Submitted in 2014	
Planning Applications	561
Code Enforcement Cases	1630
Building Safety: Permits	1930
Contractor/Trades Licenses	953
Rental Licenses*	1724
Inquiries/Investigations	752
Total	7,550

*Since start of new program July 1, 2014

Building Safety Division Inspections 2014	6,962
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During 2014, the BSD website was reorganized and enhanced. All online applications and forms were reviewed, with many being updated. All applications and forms, including the standard records request, were converted to fillable PDF format. In May, a new Interactive Permits Map (allowing citizen to easily locate active building construction permits) was publically released and made available on the website. Many new links to relevant industry and partner websites were added to the BSD website.

Permit Streamlining

The Building Safety Division worked with Utilities Department staff to organize streamlined permitting and inspection operations for the **Utilities Department Inflow/Infiltration remediation project**. Contractors were pre-approved for these projects; permit application forms tailored to these projects were created; typical construction details for common remediation work were reviewed and approved; and reporting mechanisms were created. In addition, a member of the Utilities Department staff with specialty knowledge of plumbing systems was cross-trained to perform and properly document many inspections for which work is performed in conformance with pre-approved construction details. Beginning in June 2014, the Utilities Department began contracting with local plumbers to

complete corrective work on private properties in the Phase I Area; as of December 31, 2014, 104 permits had been issued for required corrective work at 104 private properties.

BSD staff implemented procedures to proactively issue **Certificates of Occupancy** for new single-family dwellings and duplexes upon receipt of final energy conservation reports and approval of final inspections. Staff had heard from contractors that lending institutions and home buyers are requesting these documents with increasing frequency, and are often required as a condition of closing sales transactions.

BSD also implemented new procedures to actively track progress on issued building and trade permits, which help to ensure timely follow-up, inspection and close-out of building permits.

BSD staff performed an average 580 inspections per month, resulting in 6,962 inspections performed throughout 2014.

This included coordination and completion of temporary occupancy and final inspection of many large projects for which permits were issued in 2012 and 2013, including the Phase II Bioscience and Technology Business Center expansion at 2029 Becker Drive, the KU Athletics soccer, softball, and track stadium facilities at Rock Chalk Park, the Lawrence Public Library expansion, Sports Pavilion Lawrence at Rock Chalk Park and the Marriott Town Place Suites at 9th and New Hampshire.

Contractor Licensing

BSD issued **574 Contractor Licenses and 379 Trades Worker Licenses** in 2014.

BSD staff worked with the Lawrence Home Builders Association to sponsor **continuing education** for contractors and trades workers. LHBA provided classes on a range of construction topics on December 5, 2014, including the following:

- Legal Overview of Contracting, Liability, & Liens
- Trenching/Excavation Managing a Safe Worksite

- Solar Energy: Costs, Benefits and Installation Methods
- IRC Electrical Overview
- Troubleshooting Concrete Problems
- Conductor Ampacity
- Hot and Cold Weather Concrete
- Mechanical Provisions of the 2012 IRC
- Conforming to the Energy Provisions of the 2012 IRC
- 2012 IRC Wall Bracing and General Wood Framing
- 2012 IRC Water Supply and Distribution

Lunch N Learn Program

The Planning and Development Services Division continued a series of educational seminars for the development community designed to give insight on regulatory processes and services available in 2014. **Four Lunch N Learn** events were held: "Understanding the Basic Development Process for Commercial Historic Properties", "Landscaping Site Plan: Code and Commercial Spaces", "Traffic Impact Study and Your Commercial Development Project", and "Floodplain Development

Standards and Your Project". Between the four workshops, **103 members of the development community attended**, including contractors, architects, engineers, developers and commercial real estate brokers. AIA continuing education credits were also offered for the sessions. Response from the development community has been favorable and staff will continue to host these sessions in 2015.

Permit Statistics

The Building Safety Division issued **1,930** permits and **195** final certificates of occupancy in 2014. Those permits brought in fees in of **\$669,545** and had an overall valuation of **\$99,707,903**.

2014 Building Permits Issued	
Single Family	101
Duplex	15
Multi-Family	6
Commercial New	18
Commercial Remodel/Addition	154
Residential Remodel/Addition	210
Mech/Elec/Plumb	1,123
Sign	237
Public	150
Other	66
Total Permits Issued	1,930

Residential Units Built - 2014

Single Family	101
Duplex	15
Multi-Family	143
Total	274

Fees	\$669,545
Public Valuation	\$12,518,055
Non-Public Valuation	\$87,189,848
Total Valuation	\$99,707,903

Permit Review Times

BSD, in cooperation with other City review staff involved with development and construction, successfully achieved its goals of completing at least **90%** of all initial reviews of submitted commercial building permit applications/plans within 15 business days; and of submitted residential permit applications/plans within 5 business days. These initial reviews were completed within target timeframes for **96%** of commercial applications/plans, with an average initial review period of **6.2 days** (about the same as 2013 numbers of 96% and 5.9 days); and for **95.5%** of residential applications/plans, with an average initial review period of **2.5 days** (improved from 2013 numbers of 86.6% and 3.1 days).

Commercial Permits – 1 st Round Review Times	
	2014
% Completed in 15 Days	96%
Average Review Time - Days	6.2
Total Number of Reviews	1,505

Residential Permits – 1 st Round Review Times	
	2014
% Completed in 5 Days	96%
Average Review Time - Days	2.5
Total Number of Reviews	1,164

Planning and Development Services Staff Changes in 2014:

Phil Burke retired after 13 years working for the city as a Building Inspector in the Building Safety Division.

Treni Wescott was promoted to Field Supervisor for the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program.

Jerrad Lewis was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program.

Dan Devin was hired as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program.

Katie Stone was hired as an Administrative Support III position for the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program.

Rhonda Peterson transferred to the Administrative Support III position for the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program.

Lee Queen was hired as a Building Inspector in the Building Safety Division.

Katherine Simmons transferred positions to become a Planner I.

Timberly Krutz was hired as an Administrative Support III for Development Services.

Mike Rinke was hired as an Administrative Support III for Development Services.

Road Construction Notification Program

The City of Lawrence (Public Works, Planning & Development Services and Utilities Departments), Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence and Douglas County EDC and Kansas Small Business Development Center have formed a public/private partnership to support small businesses during the time of road construction growth and progress in Lawrence called the **GROWLawrence Road Construction Small Business Notification Program**. The public/private partnership provides small business and property owners with detailed project information surrounding upcoming road construction logistics that may affect their small business. **380** Small Businesses/Property Owners were notified in 2014.

Community Development Division Overview

The Community Development Division (CDD) administers multiple grants provided directly by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) and the Kansas Department of Commerce. These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs.

There were **15** Emergency or Furnace Loan applications approved and completed for a total of **\$45,126.17**.

The First Time Homebuyer Lawrence Community Housing and Land Trust (LCHLT) program provided down payment assistance and placed seven first time homebuyers in new homes for a total subsidy of **\$89,783**.

There were **27** properties that received Weatherization assistance, averaging **\$1,145.63** each. Attic insulation, weather-stripping of entry doors, and new storm windows were installed for a total of **\$27,495.28**.

During 2014, three homes were completed in the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program for a total of **\$75,204**.

The Community Development Division, in partnership with Independence, Inc., provided accessibility modification grants to 5 low income renters who had income below 50% Area Median Income. In partnership with the Public Works Department, the city was able to improve sidewalk alignment and striping for **\$13,492** and installed a hybrid traffic beacon at 10th & Connecticut for **\$40,000**.

The City of Lawrence participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by FEMA, making flood insurance available to all community property owners. In addition, the city participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) which enables property owners to receive 15% discount on flood insurance.

Community Development Staff Education

In 2014, CDD staff participated in the Point-In-Time homeless count to seven different regions of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. Dresslar also assisted with summer conferences for Southwest NAHRO held in Tulsa, OK, the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition Homeless Summit, Kansas Housing Conference, as well as several other HUD-sponsored mini-conferences and webinars.

Danelle Dresslar assisted the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition by providing training on the annual required

statewide data analysis on the count.

Tony Hoch continued in the Office of VP of Community Revitalization & Development in Southwest NAHRO and attended the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials summer conference in Tampa, FL and the fall conference in Baltimore, MD as a member of the National CR&D Policy committee.

Code Enforcement Division Overview

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for managing and obtaining code compliance with many City codes, including: the Rental Licensing and Inspection Ordinance; the Property Maintenance Code; the Weed Code; the Development Code; the Fence Code; the Sign Code; the Sidewalk Dining Ordinance; the Graffiti Ordinance; and the Sidewalk Snow Removal Ordinance. During 2014, there was significant focus and effort directed to implementation and administration of the revised and expanded Rental Licensing and Inspection Program. Other important daily responsibilities of the division include investigating general property maintenance code complaints, responding to sub-standard housing inquiries from tenants, investigating Development Code land use violations and ensuring site plan compliance for residential and commercial properties.

The Code Enforcement Division initiated investigation on 170 sidewalk snow cases during 2014 and obtained a 100% case resolution percentage, either through compliance or municipal court.

2014 Code Enforcement Division Caseload (Excluding Rental Licensing)			
	# of Cases Created During 2014	# of 2014 Created Cases Closed During 2014	Case Resolution Percentage*
Property Maintenance Code Cases	598	540	90.3%
Tall Grass and/or Weed Cases	557	557 (117 mowed by City contractor)	100%
Sidewalk Snow Cases	170	170	100%
Sidewalk Dining License Cases	81	78	96.3%
Right-of-Way Sign Code Violation Cases	54	50 (315 signs removed from ROW)	92.3%
Dead or Damaged Tree Cases	50	49	98%
Sign Code Violation Cases (Private Property)	39	36	92.3%
Development/Land Use Cases	37	28	75.7%
Illegal Right-of-Way Use Cases	14	13	92.9%
Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Complaint Cases	10	10	100%
Fence Code Cases	10	10	100%
Graffiti Cases	10	9	90%
Total Code Enforcement Cases	1,630	1,550	95.1%

*Since Case Resolution Percentage measures the number of cases closed in 2014 that were created in 2014, it is not practical to reach 100% in most categories, except for seasonal items (sidewalk snow, tall grass, etc.) because some of the cases, specifically those created in the later months would not have had ample time to reach compliance.

Code Enforcement Staff recommended that the administrative fee of the Weed Code be increased from \$25.00 to \$75.00 to bring the City's administrative fees more in line with actual costs. The recommendation was approved by the City Commission and implemented immediately.

Staff met with Municipal Court personnel to develop and implement new administrative procedures for how cases that are sent for prosecution are processed and tracked through Municipal Court. These new procedures will assist in case management and help assist both departments in making sure such cases are being properly tracked and resolved.

Spotlight on Small Business Facilitator

The **Small Business Facilitator**, Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg, worked throughout the year to help businesses navigate the development process, including facilitating the Lunch N Learn series, and provided them with valuable resources to help their businesses grow, including the project of note below:

The City of Lawrence Business Resource Guide is designed to assist our local Small to Medium (SME's) sized businesses in their entrepreneurial pursuits, by giving them the tools and resources to strategically plan for their

business needs and connect with the City's Small Business Facilitator. This comprehensive guide outlines local, state and federal contacts, brief descriptions of programs, a small business checklist, Lawrence Public Library resources and City of Lawrence's Department specific contact information to help small businesses navigate their opportunity. This guide is not a substitute for legal or financial counsel; rather, the vast amount of information and web-links are interactive and intended to serve as roadmaps to strengthen our local SME's ownership experience as they continue to grow in our great city.

Code Enforcement Division - News of Note

Staff prepared and presented an abatement resolution to the City Commission for exterior yard violations of the Property Maintenance Code at 331 Michigan St. The resolution was adopted which resulted in staff executing an administrative search warrant to abate the violations.

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Staff created a bed bug enforcement policy and procedures manual to educate and guide property owners, property managers and tenants on the proper procedures for exterminating bed bug infestations and implemented the new protocols.

Staff investigated two separate complaints of bed bug infestations at Cedarwood Apartments. The cases were resolved according to the bed bug policy and procedures manual.

Staff declared the condition of the front porch at 608 Kentucky St. to be an imminent danger due to the extensive deterioration of a support column and roof. Staff presented a resolution to the City Commission and the porch was ordered repaired or removed. As a result of that hearing, the owner obtained a building permit to repair the porch. Staff monitored the repair work to bring the

property into compliance with the Property Maintenance Code.

Staff condemned the two story house located at 1321 Tennessee as an unsafe and dangerous structure due to a fire. A resolution was presented to the City Commission for consideration. As a result of that hearing, the owner obtained a building permit and is currently working towards rehabilitating the structure.

At the direction of the City Commission in 2012, staff amended the occupancy limits for unrelated persons living together in a detached dwelling unit located in non-RS (single-family) and all other zoning districts except residential multi-family and mixed use (MU). Effective on August 1, 2015, the occupancy limit for unrelated persons living together in these types of dwelling units will be reduced from the current allowed number of four unrelated persons to three-unrelated persons. Staff mailed a letter to these property owners advising them of this pending occupancy reduction to provide them ample time to avoid an occupancy violation during their next lease cycle.

Rental Licensing and Inspection Program

Staff attends the monthly Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods meeting and drafts a monthly newsletter for the organization about important development related items, including upcoming Planning Commission agendas, the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program and the Comprehensive Plan Update process.

The City launched a new Rental Licensing and Inspection website in 2014:
<http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing>.

In addition, the Rental Licensing and Inspection program can be reached at a dedicated phone number: 785-832-3345 and through a dedicated email address: rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.

In April 2014, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 8840, which modified the previous Rental Licensing and Inspection Program, and expanded it to include every residential rental dwelling unit in Lawrence. The new Program became effective on July 1, 2014.

During the first five 5 months of 2014, staff worked diligently to prepare several drafts of the new ordinance, develop administrative regulations for the new Program, and create program policies, procedures, documents and forms (for consideration, review and approval by the City Commission). During this time period, staff also continued to issue new licenses, renew annual licenses and inspect rental units per requirements of the previous program, which applied only to rental units located in single family zoning districts.

By May (shortly after adoption of Ordinance 8850), the City launched a new City of Lawrence Rental Licensing & Inspection website devoted to providing Program information and educational materials to both landlords and tenants. The City continues to expand and improve the website, and to receive positive comments about it. In May, the City also provided a dedicated Rental Licensing & Inspection Program phone number and email address that can be used by landlords and tenants to obtain information and answers to their questions about the new Program.

Between May and November 2014, staff hosted five educational seminars for rental property owners, rental property managers and other interested parties at various locations throughout the City, with total attendance of approximately 250. In addition, staff presented a summary of the expansion to the Lawrence Board of Realtors, the Lawrence Landlord Association and the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods.

Staff also provided support to landlords through one-on-one meetings, phone calls and email correspondence.

Effective July 1, 2014, the City began issuing new Program licenses to prior program licensees due for annual renewal, licensing certain rental units new to license regulation, and inspecting licensed rental units in accordance with the new and expanded Program regulations. As of December 31, 2014, 1,724 licenses for 2,072 total units had been licensed under the new Program. During this same period, 125 dwelling units were inspected per the new Program Standards, with Program Standard violations found in 91 (72.8%) of the inspected units (average of 4.26 violations per unit). Some of the most common Program Standards violations found (through December 31, 2014) have included inoperable or missing smoke alarms; missing or inoperable GFCI electrical outlets; missing electrical outlet covers; missing, inoperable and/or damaged windows and/or window locks; inoperable or improperly installed mechanical (HVAC) systems; and inoperable or improperly installed plumbing fixtures. In units where violations were found, violations were corrected, on average, within 21.2 days after initial inspection.

To support increased rental licensing and inspection workloads during the last half of 2014, and for Program expansion to all rental dwelling units during 2015, the department transferred one administrative support staff to the Code Enforcement Division and hired three new employees: one additional administrative support staff and two code enforcement officers.

In an effort to provide additional support to tenants who may not know their rights as a tenant, the City Commission directed staff to mail a postcard to tenants of existing licensed single-family rental properties. The postcard provided information on how to contact City staff to request an inspection if they believed their dwelling unit was not safe.

Comprehensive Plan Update

In 2014, Staff starting work on updating the City and County's comprehensive plan: **Horizon 2020**. The City and County Commissions adopted a joint resolution setting up a steering committee to oversee and guide the review process. The Steering Committee started their review with an extensive public input phase which included gathering comments from all stakeholders through a variety of public input meetings, presentations and surveys.

Following the public input phase, staff will work with the Steering Committee in 2015 to produce an issue action report that will identify key issues that are in need of revision. That report will be presented to the Planning Commission, City Commission and County Commission in 2015 for review. Steering Committee meetings are video recorded, and along with agendas and more information, can be found on the website:

<http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process>

MPO staff organized the 6th annual counts of pedestrians and bicyclists in 2014 as part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. Dozens of volunteers counted 1,564 pedestrians and 458 bicyclists at 21 locations in Lawrence and Eudora.



In 2014, 101 acres of land were annexed and 87 acres were de-annexed. At the end of 2014, the City of Lawrence contained 22,304 acres.

Planning Division Overview

The Planning Division oversees growth and development in the City of Lawrence and Unincorporated Areas of Douglas County with respect to zoning and land use. A great deal of the division's time is spent handling information requests from the development community, other departments, neighborhood groups, and the general public. The Planning Division reviewed a total of **561 applications**.

In 2014, City Site Plan Applications are taking an average of **35** business days to complete. The first round of review comments were sent to applicants an average of **9** business days after the application was submitted.

2014 Planning Submittals	
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	3
AGRITOURISM	0
ANNEXATION	5
CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY RURAL	12
CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY URBAN	5
CITY SITE PLAN	86
CITY ZONING	20
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT	5
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT	11
COUNTY SITE PLAN	12
COUNTY ZONING	1
DESIGN REVIEW (Historic Resources)	138
FENCE VARIANCE	2
FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN	10
FINAL PLAT	11
FLOODPLAIN DETERMINATION	36
FLOODPLAIN PERMIT	17
HOME OCCUPATION TYPE B	6
LANDMARK NOMINATION	6
MINOR SUBDIVISION	20
NONCONFORMING USE REGISTRATION	11
PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN	5
PRELIMINARY PLAT	5
SECTION 106 REVIEW (Historic Resources)	2
SIGN VARIANCE	3
SPECIAL EVENT	29
SPECIAL USE PERMIT	11
TEXT AMENDMENT	4
VARIANCE	15
ZONING CERTIFICATION	65
Total	561

2014 Site Plans - Round 1 Review Statistics (Business Days)	
% Completed in 15 Days	90.5%
Average Review Time	9
Max Review Time	29
Min Review Time	1

2014 Site Plans - Processing Time (Business Days), Submitted to Approved	
Average Review Time	35
Max Review Time	65
Min Review Time	4

Historic Preservation – Updates

*Development Services staff again recycled **84 lbs.** of aluminum cans throughout 2014. The money received from this project again benefitted the Lawrence Humane Society.*

The **Multiple Property Documentation Form** is a document approved by the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places that divides the development of Lawrence into chronological contexts based on the physical development of the City. A Historic Preservation Fund grant allowed the City to expand the scope of the context to evaluate properties constructed during 1945-1975. This amendment to the existing MPDF will

provide guidance and information for property owners seeking to list properties in the Lawrence Register of Historic Places, the Register of Historic Kansas Places, and/or the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the MPDF will provide City staff and the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission with information upon which to base decisions when issuing Certificates of Appropriateness and reviewing projects under the State preservation law.

Spotlight on Current Planning Projects

During 2014, the Planning Division worked to process development applications and helped guide applicants through the development process. The following are a list of notable projects:

- Development within **Bauer Farm** continued in 2014 with approval of a 27,000 sf grocer (Sprouts) and an 11,000 sf in-line retail building. The new shops are located on the north side of Bauer Farm Drive west of Theatre Lawrence.
- Redevelopment of the former Sears site located at 2727 S Iowa continued in 2014. **Dick's Sporting Goods** occupies 50,000 sf and construction is currently ongoing for the 29,000 sf Petsmart store on the south side of the building. Site plans for two retail tenants were submitted in early 2015 for the 9,000 sf at the north end of the site. A free-standing pad site has been created at the southeast corner of the property

and plans for a **Chick-fil-A** were submitted at the end of the year.

- Development activity on West 31st Street continued with the approval and start of construction for a 200,000 square foot **Menards** store. The ultimate development includes six out lots along the 31st Street frontage. (See photo below)
- Development also continued in the 8th & Penn area with 43 residential units in the **9 Del Lofts** project.
- The Planning Division also completed reviews for the new **Douglas County Public Works site** located at 3700 Franklin Park Circle and a new City Solid Waste & Household Hazardous Waste facility at 2201 Kresge Road. Both projects will support the consolidation of currently scattered work groups in both County and City Public Works Departments.

*Downtown development continued with opening of the expanded public library on Vermont Street and new mixed use buildings at **9th & New Hampshire Streets.***



Photo of **Menards Store** under construction.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

1709 Louisiana Street

Handel T. Martin House

Built: 1917

American Foursquare with Classical and Colonial Revival Details



The Historic Resources Division reviewed over 138 projects for their impact on Historic Resources in 2014. This is in addition to providing guidance outside of formal development applications, staffing the Historic Resources Commission and processing Lawrence Register of Historic Places nominations.

More information on the Historic Resources and Preservation in Lawrence can be found at:

http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/historic_resources

Historic Preservation – Living in E. Lawrence



945 Delaware Street
William H. Schell House

Living in East Lawrence: An Essay for a Multiple Listings Nomination was approved by the Historic Resources Commission and the City Commission in 2014 as a context document that describes the architectural and cultural evolution of approximately 50 city blocks

located in East Lawrence. The vernacular architecture and the cohesive streetscapes of the neighborhood emphasize the commonalities of the diverse populations that settled in this area of Lawrence. The relationship between the structures based on location, streetscape, building materials, workmanship, mass and scale create a distinct neighborhood identity that is of value to the study of the history of the City of Lawrence. The context describes the neighborhood as a “working class” neighborhood and the history of the people who lived in these vernacular structures is important to the understanding of the growth and development of the community as a whole. This essay was the basis for 12 listings in the Lawrence Register of Historic Places that show the diversity of the house styles located in the study area.

Historic Preservation – 1106 Rhode Island



1106 Rhode Island Street
Rhody Delahunty House

Listed as a contributing structure to the North Rhode Island Street Historic Residential District. C. 1871. Identified as a vernacular Gable-Front National Folk House form, the house has detailing that expresses elements of Late Victorian styling.

Often this type of house is identified as a Folk Victorian. The property also has a historic barn associated with the Rhody Delahunty transfer and storage business. The city of Lawrence purchased the property because of its historic significance and to prevent demolition by neglect. A group of local preservationists purchased the property from the City and is now in the process of rehabilitating the existing structures to create residential and office uses.

Properties Listed on Lawrence Register



In addition to the 12 properties listed on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places as part of Multiple Listing Nomination for East Lawrence, 7 other properties were listed to the local register:

- **Watkins Bank Building**, 1047 Massachusetts Street
- **English Lutheran Church**, 1040 New Hampshire Street
- **Martin House**, 647 Ohio Street
- **German Methodist Episcopal Church**, 1000 New York St.
- **Charles & Elizabeth French House**, 1300 Haskell Ave.
- **John G. Haskell House**, 1340 Haskell Ave.
- **Douglas County Courthouse**, 1100 Massachusetts St.

Transportation Planning Overview

The Lawrence–Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (L-DC MPO) is designed to foster cooperation among local governments in the region to plan for and develop a multimodal transportation system that meets the mobility needs of the area's residents and serves the region's economy. Special emphasis is placed on providing equal access to a variety of transportation

mode choices (transit, bicycling, walking, automobile, carpool, etc.) and ensuring effective public involvement throughout the planning process. The L-DC MPO develops the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which together establish the planning policy and transportation investment priorities for Douglas County.

Find more information about the MPO online at: www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/

Transportation Planning Work Program

During 2014, the MPO and its staff continued to ensure that the MPO is fully compliant with all federal regulations for metropolitan transportation planning. The following items are the highlights of the project approvals and major work activities conducted during 2014.

- Approved the 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and completed amendments to the 2014 UPWP as needed
- Worked with KDOT staff to improve the UPWP budgeting and billing processes
- Created a new 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and completed the quarterly TIP amendment cycles for 2014
- Began work with KDOT consultants to use the MPO's travel demand model in planning and designing the widening of Highway K-10 along the west side of Lawrence
- Worked with the Lawrence – Douglas County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) to update the new 2014 Bicycle Rideability Map, participate in Bike

Month activities, successfully complete the 6th annual bicycle and pedestrian count, approve a 2014 BAC Work Plan, and progress other bike-pedestrian activities

- Participated in conversations about bicycle and pedestrian planning with other local groups including the KU Bicycle Advisory Committee, Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition, LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Built Environment Work Group, Lawrence Traffic Safety Commission, and other groups
- Coordinated efforts with the Lawrence Public Works Department to create a sidewalk/ pedestrian facility inventory for Lawrence and worked with Eudora and Baldwin City officials to create a similar inventory for those two cities
- Worked with Regional Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee members to begin the development of a Regional Pedestrian Plan
- Attended Coordinated Transit District #1 meetings and worked with paratransit operators in Douglas County to implement the recommendations from the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP).

*What is **multimodal**?*
Multimodal planning refers to planning that considers a wide range of mobility options – automobile, public transit, walking, cycling, ridesharing (carpooling and vanpooling) and connections between modes.

Multimodal Planning Studies

Developing a truly multimodal transportation system is consistent with the Complete Streets Policy adopted by the Lawrence City Commission in 2012. In 2013, the MPO, in coordination with the City of Lawrence, conducted the Multimodal Planning Studies, consistent with the Complete Streets Policy. The goal of the planning effort was to identify and prioritize transportation needs for commuters, pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders for

the next 5 to 10 years and develop a range of short and long-term improvements to support a more multimodal region. The Multimodal Planning Studies consists of three studies: the Commuter Park and Ride Study, the Transit and Pedestrian Accessibility Study, and the Countywide Bikeway Plan. Final reports were approved by the MPO, the City Commission and County Commission in 2014. For more information about the process and to read the study recommendations visit: www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/study

