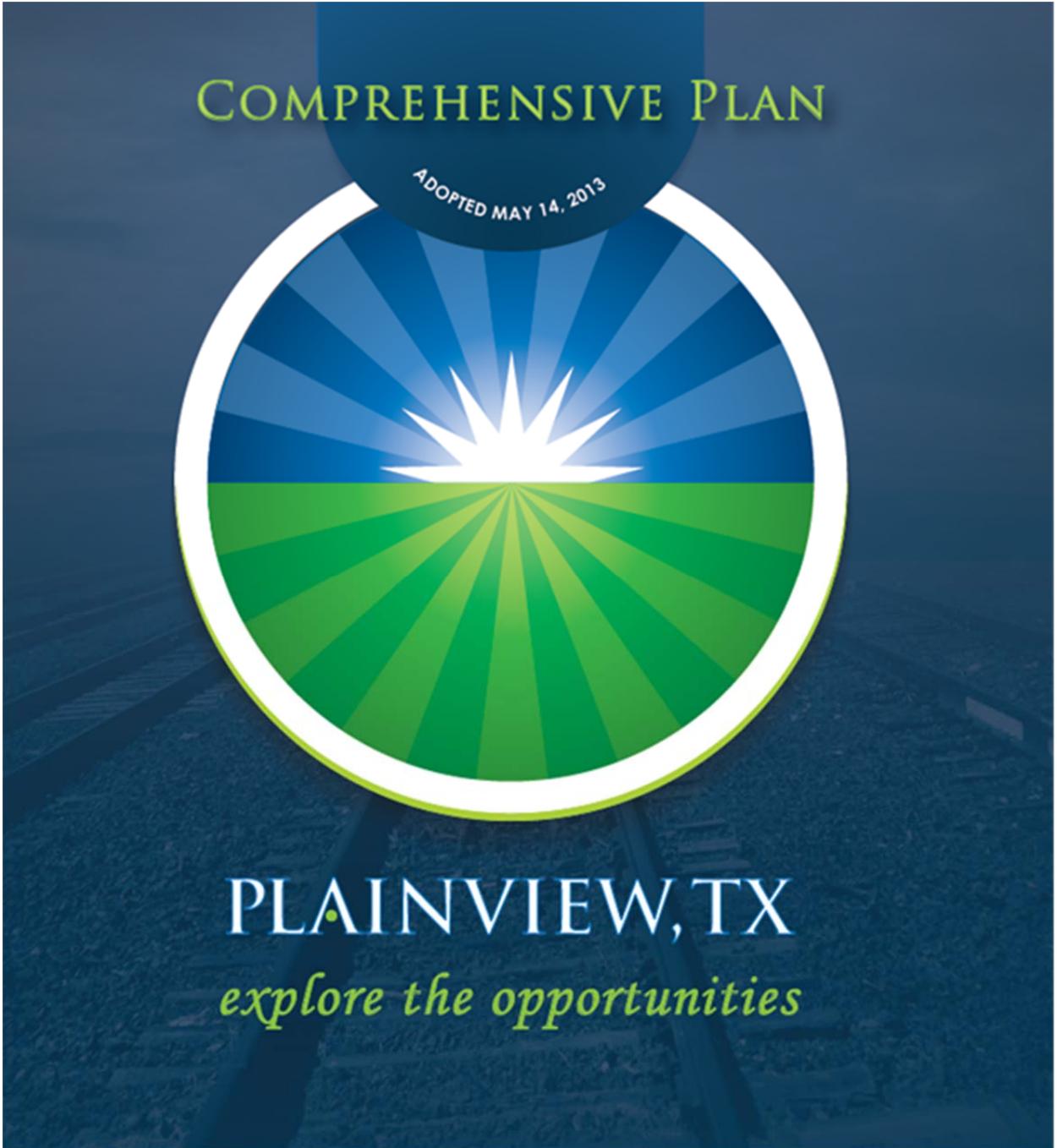


**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**



2015

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The Annual Progress Report is a part of the ongoing monitoring and reporting on the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan should be a “living document,” that is, a document that is frequently referred to for guidance in community decision-making. Its assumptions, goals, policies and action strategies must also be revisited periodically to ensure that it is providing clear and reliable direction on a range of matters, including land development issues and public investments in infrastructure and services. Implementation is not just about a list of action items. It is a challenging process requiring the commitment of the City’s elected and appointed officials, staff, residents, business owners, major institutions, other levels of government, and other organizations and individuals who will serve as champions of the plan and its particular direction and strategies. Equally important are formalized procedures for the ongoing monitoring and reporting of successes achieved, difficulties encountered, new opportunities, and challenges that have emerged. This is in addition to any other change in circumstances, which may require rethinking of Plan priorities.

The following pages review the programs, projects and initiatives that were identified as a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

CHAPTER 2.0 GROWTH CAPACITY

STRATEGY: Support the Implementation of the Hale County Economic Development Strategic Plan and Targeted Industry Study

Action Item: Support the development of an Industrial Park to market to new primary employers to Hale County - **(Econ. Dev. Strategic Plan)**

- The Hale County Economic Development Strategic Plan identified the development of a community owned Industrial/Business Park as the most important issue the community needs to address over the next five years.

In April 2015, the City acquired a 68.55 acre tract of property located along Interstate 27 and Dimmitt Highway for the new business park.

In October 2015, the City and County entered into an interlocal agreement to construct the business park. A committee formed of City, County and EDC representatives will be formed with this agreement. This group will oversee the infrastructure improvements to include roads, water and sewer. In addition, this committee will handle the management of the business park.

The business park will provide “shovel ready” sites to prospective businesses.

STRATEGY: Continue to forge partnerships with State, regional and local organizations to expand educational opportunities at SPC Plainview Extension and Wayland Baptist University

Action Item: Work with South Plains College, EDC, Hale County to identify ways to expand the technical training program and facilities to support workforce training - **(Strategy 2.6.5)**

- In April 2015, South Plains College – Plainview Center purchased 12 new Allen Bradley programmable logic controllers (PLC) with a \$22,000 Economic Development Incentive Grant from the Plainview-Hale County Economic Development Corporation. This new equipment will be used to advance SPC’s industrial manufacturing and emerging technology program in Plainview.

Action Item: Promote the higher educational opportunities offered by Wayland Baptist University and the continued growth of the University – **(Econ. Dev. Strategic Plan)**

- The Hale County Economic Development Strategic Plan identified the need for a Business Start Up program for the community.

Wayland Baptist University operates the Spark Business Accelerator. Spark is a program designed by the School of Business to help entrepreneurs develop a business model to better facilitate success in the marketplace.

In April 2015, the Spark Business Accelerator partnered with the Plainview

Chamber of Commerce to hold a business success series for entrepreneurs.

STRATEGY: Plan for extension of water and sanitary sewer infrastructure along and near the south Interstate 27 corridor to accommodate interest in both commercial and residential development in this area.

Action Item: Plan for extension of water and sanitary sewer infrastructure along and near the south I-27 corridor to accommodate interest in both commercial and residential development in this area. Businesses have considered moving closer to I-27 but are unable to afford the costs associated with extending or installing the necessary infrastructure. This could be accomplished by installing a new water line along the eastern side of I-27 and connecting back to the existing 8" line that is located near South Ennis to create a loop in the distribution system. It is likely that a new sanitary sewer line could be installed along the eastern side of I-27 and tie to the existing system near SW 3rd. Street. – **(Strategy 2.4.4)**

- City staff has worked with an engineering firm to develop probable costs for water, sewer, and road extensions along South I-27 and North I-27 as identified in the Comprehensive Plan. These figures were presented to City Council during their meeting on February 24, 2015. Since that meeting staff has continued to evaluate the routes and options as well as begun investigating possible financing options such as a TIRZ district.

In October 2015, the City Council discussed a preliminary TIRZ overlay district and directed City Staff to continue exploring the feasibility of this option. Staff is working towards developing a timeline to establish a TIRZ overlay district along Interstate 27.

CHAPTER 3.0: MOBILITY

STRATEGY: Work With the Plainview-Hale County Economic Development Corporation to identify and market Hale County Airport facilities

Action Item: Support the adoption and implementation of the Hale County Airport Master Plan – **(Strategy 3.1.1)**

- The Plainview/Hale County Airport Board completed the Master Plan for the Airport. This plan has been approved by Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division and the Federal Aviation Administration.

This Airport Master Plan affords a comprehensive evaluation of the Airport and its surroundings, and provides direction and guidance for future airport development priorities. The future requirements were evaluated not only from the standpoint of aviation needs, but from the perspective of the relationship of airport facilities to the surrounding land uses and the community as a whole. This planning process focused on programming for a complete aviation facility, with the overall goal being an airport that accommodates future demand and is compatible with its environs.

Action Item: Support the major rehabilitation/reconstruction project in improvements that will be made to the airport – **(Strategy 3.1.1)**

- On the Airport Rehabilitation and Reconstruction project, Parkhill Smith and Cooper expects to have the design and engineering work completed and submitted to TxDOT Aviation within the next couple of months. TxDOT Aviation will then review and comment on the Engineering work and they expect that process to be completed by the Fall of 2015. The next step will be the bidding process so that the construction project itself will actually start in the Spring of 2016.

The total projected cost of this project, including engineering and construction is about \$4.6 million. It will involve rehabilitating (resurfacing) and/or reconstructing most of the runway and taxiway areas at the airport – greatest part will be rehabilitation.

CHAPTER 4.0: HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS

STRATEGY: Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock

Action Item: Develop a Property Conditions Survey for neighborhoods and a Property Inspection District Map for a more effective code enforcement program ensuring that basic standards are upheld – **(Strategy 4.1.2 and Strategy 4.1.3)**

- The condition of structures and the maintenance of properties contribute to the health and welfare of residents as well as the appearance of the neighborhoods and the larger community. Housing that appears in need of upkeep can create the impression that a community is in a state of decline.

A Property Inspection District Map has been developed to assist in proactively patrolling the community, which will ultimately assist in creating the Property Conditions Survey. The Property Conditions Survey project will be starting soon now that the Community Development Department is fully staffed. The primary purpose of this map is to identify areas that may need more assistance than enforcement of basic property standards through letters, warning and/or citations. Ultimately, this will enable the City to work to partner with various community organizations in developing a targeted pilot neighborhood rehabilitation program.

In addition, this would allow the City to promote community and neighborhood pride and stimulate resident involvement in neighborhood improvement activities, including seasonal “clean up, fix up” events, and “Neighborhood Pride” days focusing on beautification.

Action Item: Continue with the implementation of the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs HOME HRA program that will support the reconstruction of dilapidated housing - **(Strategy 4.1.2)**

- The City participates in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Homeowner Rehabilitation (HOME) Program through their Reservation System.

The primary focus of this program is the reconstruction of owner-occupied housing for low income households.

The City has completed construction on five (5) HOME grant projects.

STRATEGY: Implement elements of the Neighborhood Enhancement Priority Improvement Project for Downtown

Action Item: Partner with Plainview Downtown Association, Main Street / Tourism Coordinating Board, Chamber of Commerce and property owners to discuss the feasibility of using Economic Development Tools as a way to improve the downtown – **(Strategy 2.2.1 and Priority Improvement Project)**

The City brought the Main Street program back in house and hired a new Main Street Manager, in January 2015.

In March 2015 the board held a training workshop and goal setting meeting. The new work plan from that meeting was adopted by the Board in April 2015. The board began taking action steps from the plan through their four committee approach. The Economic Restructuring Committee will continue to examine and look for new ways to improve the downtown with different economic development tools at our disposal.

Action Item: Partner with Texas Tech University, College of Architecture to develop a downtown master plan utilizing the Comprehensive Plan Priority Improvement Project as a guide – **(Priority Improvement Project)**

- The City and Main Street program met with graduate students from Texas Tech University, College of Architecture to discuss developing an overall design concept for Broadway, Ash Streets and the Courthouse square. This project was placed on hold because of timing with the transition of the Main Street program to the Chamber of Commerce.

Due to the issues with trying to coordinate this project with graduate students at Texas Tech, the City is moving forward working with an engineer to develop master plan concepts for the Main Street program to review.

CHAPTER 6: PARKS, RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STRATEGY: Improve Connectivity within the Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Spaces

Action Item: Support the expansion of the Hike and Bike Trail to Regional Park – **(Strategy 6.2.1)**

- Connectivity of the City's Hike and Bike Trail to Regional Park was identified as a priority in the Comprehensive Plan. Staff has moved forward with exploring potential routes in more detail by hiring an engineering firm to study the next phase(s) of the Hike and Bike Trail expansion project.

A proposed route along with probable costs have been completed. This will be presented to the City Council in 2016.

STRATEGY: Reduce park maintenance requirements in order to decrease the fiscal and operational demand on the City's Parks Department

Action Item: Re-evaluate and adjust park maintenance schedules to maximize efficiency (i.e. yearly trimmings, water requirements, etc.) - **(Strategy 6.3.3)**

- The Parks Advisory Board completed an update of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Comprehensive Master Plan. An inventory of all parks was completed during this process. The Parks Department is using this as a guide in re-evaluating their park maintenance schedules during the year and the focus will be on developing a maintenance management plan.

STRATEGY: Continue to pursue intergovernmental and public-private partnerships to leverage park and recreation investments

Action Item: Support the development of a Skate park for the community- **(Strategy 6.3.1 and Strategy 6.4.2)**

- The Skate Park project was completed in the summer of 2015. There was a community event to celebrate this important milestone and addition to the City's Parks System.

Action Item: Continue to seek grants, in-kind donations and sponsorships to construct recreational facilities that meet community needs - **(Strategy 6.3.1 and Strategy 6.4.2)**

- In September 2015, the City submitted a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to complete the Priority Improvement Project: Travis Trussell Landscape Enhancement Project as identified in Chapter 6 Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources in the Comprehensive Plan. The TPWD will consider funding decisions for Parks projects in the Spring of 2016.
- As part of the Vision Skate Park Plainview project, the City received \$36,000 in funds from local foundations and individuals to help complete the Skate Park project.

OTHER PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Milwee Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project - **(Strategy 2.4.3: Ensure adequate transmission and treatment of the City's wastewater)**

- The two main lift stations in the wastewater collection system are in need of repairs and improvements to the concrete structures and pumping and control systems. These lift stations are located at E third and Juniper Streets, and on South Milwee. The estimates for these two lift station projects are in the range of \$1 million plus engineering and related costs.

An investigation by Staff and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper indicates that the City may be able to take one of these stations out of service, the station on Juniper. This would require an extension to our sewer system of a 12 to 15 inch pipe about 20 feet deep and 3,400 feet long. The Milwee station would then be re-built to take care of the flow of both stations. This will alleviate future maintenance, operation and power consumption of one lift station and over 6,100 feet of force main that has been problematic.

The new lift station project is currently being designed by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. The lift station is nearing the final stages of the design being complete and will be brought back to City Council for further approvals as needed.

Texas Department of Transportation Backage Road Project - (**Strategy 3.2.3:** Evaluate vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfare connectivity within the City)

- In January 2014, the Council approved an Ordinance accepting the dedication of Right of Way to open a portion of Kermit Street between Olton Road and 13th Street. The property owners agreed to dedicate this right of way for the construction of a new street, the City of Plainview agreed to accept the dedication of right of way and to maintain the street once completed, and the Texas Department of Transportation has agreed to construct the street for the City as a backage road.

TxDOT completed construction of the backage road in August 2015.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - (**Strategy 2.4.3:** Ensure adequate transmission and treatment of the City's wastewater)

- The City completed reconstruction of the Wastewater Treatment Plan Clarifiers and Bar screens to ensure the City continues to treat wastewater in accordance with its permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.