

Memorandum  
City of Lawrence  
Douglas County  
Planning & Development Services

**TO: Planning Commission**

**FROM: Planning Staff**

**CC: Scott McCullough, Director**

**Date: Item No. 7 – For December 12, 2011 Commission Meeting**

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

***Note: This memo was revised after the December 12, 2011 Planning Commission meeting to account for the commission's direction to place the item - "Identify appropriate locations within County for sand dredging operations" to the list of projects anticipated to be worked on in 2012.***

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 2012. 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 2012. Staff's recommended priorities for 2012 are shown below. Other projects will be worked on as resources allow.

**Major Projects Completed or in Process – 2011**

1. Horizon 2020 – Chapter 16 *Environment Chapter* – COMPLETE
2. Industrial Design Guidelines implementation –
  - Dev Code TAs adopted – COMPLETE
3. Annual Comprehensive Plan Review – COMPLETE
4. *Inverness Park District Plan* – COMPLETE
5. *Southeast Area Plan* –
  - Overall update & amendments related to 31<sup>st</sup> Street alignment – COMPLETE
6. *Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan* implementation –
  - Rezoning of the 800 block of Lynn Street – COMPLETE
7. *Northeast Sector Plan* –
  - PC Approved, BCC & CC comments returned to PC 12/12/11
8. US-40 and K-10 Plan –
  - Background work with KDOT in 2011, completion expected in 2012
9. Complete Streets –
  - Background work in 2011, completion expected in 2012

## **Major Projects – 2012**

1. Innoprise implementation – new software to better coordinate development applications – anticipate going live in second quarter 2012
2. 2010 Census
  - Analysis
  - Reports/Challenge
  - Comprehensive Plan amendments
3. *Environment Chapter* implementation
  - *Potential Regulations*
    - Stream Setback Ordinance for Lawrence
    - Review Development Code /prepare text amendments regarding community gardens and markets
  - *Inventories*
    - Woodland/Tree Inventory for County – work underway
    - Wetlands/Riparian Areas
    - Document & Map existing quarries
4. Update Retail Market Study – biannual survey
5. Horizon 2020 Annual Review, including Sector Plan reviews/updates
6. Review requirements/process for Comprehensive Plan Amendments for rezoning cases and Applicant requested CPAs
7. Urban Growth Area and Service Areas review –
  - Map 3-1 (after Census analysis and water/wastewater master plan updates)
  - Horizon 2020 – Map 3-3 – Douglas County Growth Areas
8. Sector Plan Implementation Items
  - *Oread Neighborhood Plan*
    - Develop Overlay districts as identified in the plan –
      - RFP for consultant services for Design Guidelines in process – grant funding through Sept 2012
    - Development Code text amendments
      - Congregate living
      - Detached dwellings permitted by right in multi-dwelling districts
  - *Farmland Industries Redevelopment Plan*
    - Master planning – RFP for consultant services in process
    - Property platting
    - Rezoning
  - *Inverness Park District Plan*
    - Update Chapter 6 to reflect new commercial centers
  - *Northeast Sector Plan*
    - Amend Urban Growth Area as appropriate
    - Additional implementation steps as directed
9. Identify appropriate locations within County for sand dredging operations

## **Major Projects – Beyond 2012**

1. *Environment Chapter* implementation
  - *Potential Regulations*
    - Wetlands protections
    - Woodland and Urban Forest protections
  - *Inventories*
    - Groundwater
    - Mineral Deposits
    - Agricultural Soils
2. Identify appropriate locations within County for sand dredging operations (***This item moved to Major Projects – 2012 list***)
3. Commercial Design Standards Review
4. Horizon 2020 – Chapter 10 *Community Facilities* update
5. Horizon 2020 – Chapter 17 *Implementation* update
6. *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*
7. *South of Wakarusa Sector Plan*