

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning and Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Planning Staff

CC: Scott McCullough, Planning and Development Services Director

Date: April 11, 2013

RE: A Guide to Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the comprehensive plan for the city of Lawrence and unincorporated Douglas County. A comprehensive plan expresses a community's desires about the future image of the community. It provides the foundation and framework for making physical development and policy decisions.

The planning process was initiated in 1992. After years of public involvement, *Horizon 2020* was adopted in 1998 and has continuously been amended to address changing trends and beliefs about development in the community.

Plan Overview

The plan consists of seventeen chapters over a variety of topics. Since the adoption in 1998, the plan has had 43 amendments approved, including entire new chapters. Below is a list of the current chapters included in *Horizon 2020* and when they last had an update or amendment.

- Introduction, Overview and Summary Chapters
 - Chapter 1 - Introduction
 - Chapter 2 - Background (Update of population info from Census – 2001)
 - Chapter 3 - General Plan Overview (Expansion of the UGA – 2004)
- Land Use
 - Chapter 5 - Residential Land Use (Amendments 2007)
 - Chapter 6 - Commercial Land Use (Updated 2004 and amended 2013)
 - Chapter 7 - Industrial and Employment-Related Land Use (Updated 2009)
- Public Space
 - Chapter 9 - Parks, Recreation and Open Space (Updated 2007)
 - Chapter 10 - Community Facilities (Update in process)
 - Chapter 11 - Historic Resources (Update in process)
- Growth Chapters
 - Chapter 4 – Growth Management (Amendment 2009)
 - Chapter 12 – Economic Development (Updated 2003)

- Transportation
 - Chapter 8 – Transportation (Updated 2011)
- Implementation
 - Chapter 17 – Implementation
- Plans
 - Chapter 14 – Specific Plans (Added 2008 and amended whenever a new plan is approved)
- SmartCode
 - Chapter 15 - Place Making Elements (Added 2009)
- Environment
 - Chapter 16 – Environment (Added 2011)

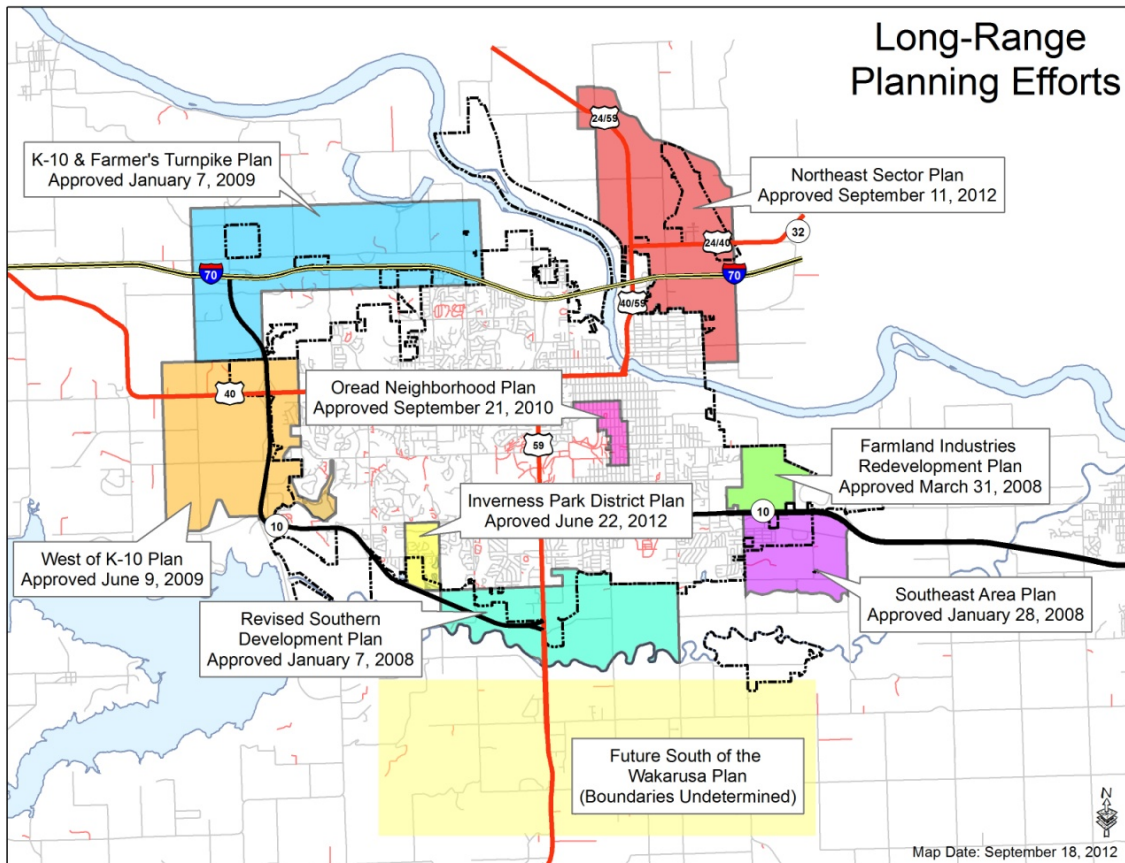
There are several amendments that have been initiated to the plan and in varied states of processing, including updates to the Historic Resources and Community Facilities chapters, update to the Future Land Use Map and various other maps, population information update and updating the Urban Growth Area boundary.

In addition to all of the information included in the actual document of *Horizon 2020*, there are twelve, more specific, long-range plans incorporated by reference into Chapter 14.

- *6th and Wakarusa Area Plan* - The intersection of 6th Street and Wakarusa Drive. Adopted December 2003
- *HOP District Plan* - Bordered by W. 5th St. on the north, California St. on the west, W. 7th St. on the south and Alabama St. on the east. Adopted May 2005.
- *Burroughs Creek Corridor Plan* - Area around the former BNSF railroad corridor between E. 9th St. and E 31st St. Adopted February 2006.
- *East Lawrence Neighborhood Revitalization Plan* - Bordered by the Kansas River on the North; Rhode Island Street from the Kansas River to E. 9th Street, New Hampshire Street from E. 9th Street to approximately E. 11th Street, Massachusetts Street from approximately E. 11th Street to E. 15th Street on the west; E. 15th Street on the south; BNSF railroad on the east. Adopted November 2000.
- *Revised Southern Development Plan* - Bounded roughly to the north by W. 31st Street and the properties north of W. 31st Street between Ousdahl Road and Louisiana Street; to the west by E. 1150 Road extended (Kasold Drive); to the south by the north side of the Wakarusa River; and to the east by E. 1500 Road (Haskell Avenue). Adopted January 2008.
- *Southeast Area Plan* - Bounded roughly to the north by E. 23rd Street/K-10 Highway; to the west by O'Connell Road; to the south by the northern boundary of the FEMA designated floodplain for the Wakarusa River; and to the east by E. 1750 Road (Noria Road). Amended November 2011.
- *Farmland Industries Redevelopment Plan* - The former Farmland Industries property is located east of Lawrence along K-10 Highway and just west of the East Hills Business Park. It is approximately one half mile south of the Kansas River. Adopted March 2008.
- *K-10 & Farmer's Turnpike Plan* - Generally located around the intersection of I-70 and K-10 and to the east approximately four miles. Adopted January 2009.
- *Lawrence SmartCode Infill Plan* - General areas are: 19th St. and Haskell Ave.,

23rd St. and Louisiana St. Adopted February 2009.

- *West of K-10 Plan* - Generally located north and south of Highway 40 and west of K-10 Highway. It does contain some land east of K-10 Highway. Adopted May 2009.
- *Oread Neighborhood Plan* - Generally located between W. 9th Street and W. 17th Street and between the KU campus and Massachusetts Street. Approved September 2010.
- *Inverness Park District Plan* - Generally located south of Clinton Parkway between Inverness and Crossgate Drives, and north of K-10 Highway. Amended June 2012.



Planned Community Review of *Horizon 2020*

A community review of *Horizon 2020* is included on the Long Range work plan of the Planning Office for 2013. The plan is reviewed annually by the Planning Commission; however, given the plan's age, recent efforts with water and wastewater master planning, and with the recent release of 2010 census data, staff believes a more comprehensive public review of the plan is appropriate.

Because the plan has been continuously amended to address changing conditions since its adoption, a major rewrite of the plan is not necessary, in staff's opinion. The recently added and amended chapters and sector plans of the plan were developed with significant public input and compromises. The basic tenets of the plan are sound, but

there is opportunity to confirm certain concepts or discuss new trends and concepts for future growth and development.

To achieve this, staff intends to complete a series of public meetings later in 2013 to inform the public on the plan's concepts and also receive input as to what revisions should be pursued by the Planning Commission. Staff does not anticipate hiring a consultant to comprehensively overhaul the plan. Much of the technical and demographic data in the plan will be revised during this process so that the plan is able to serve the community in guiding future growth. This effort will produce an updated plan that is aligned with the wastewater and water master plans, T2040 (the metropolitan transportation plan), and other plans the city uses to guide growth and development.