

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

City staff will schedule a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to execute or act upon each recommendation in the table below. For some recommendations, the workshop is necessary to discuss funding or to disperse research essential for the elected officials to make an informed decision on some of the recommendations. The Planning Department will track the progress of the recommendations listed below.

Recommendation	Action	Type	Timeframe					Department/Entity	
			Always	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Years	Lead	Support
G-1. Embrace the Comprehensive Plan as the primary document to inform growth, development, and investment decisions.	1 Conduct an implementation kickoff summit to inform elected officials, staff, and community members about the Plan's guiding principles, goals, and immediate implementation priorities.	Education & Communication		X				Planning Dept.	N/A
	2 Consider connecting agenda items at Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council meetings to the applicable guiding principles and implementation priorities.	Guidelines	X					Planning Dept.	N/A
	3 Initiate a 2-year action plan to update the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council on the Comprehensive Plan recommendations and actions.	Guidelines		X				Planning Dept.	N/A
	4 Evaluate and update the Future Land Use Plan, Thoroughfare Plan, Growth Sectors, and other Comprehensive Plan elements to reflect current conditions every five years.	Regulations					X	Planning Dept.	N/A
	5 Evaluate and update the vision statement and guiding principles every ten years.	Guidelines					X	Planning Dept.	N/A
G-2. Expand the narrative about Waxahachie.	1 Promote local success stories and people that reflect the community's unique values, assets, and desired future.	Education & Communication			X			Communications and Marketing Dept.	Planning Dept.
	2 Utilize social media to highlight elected officials, staff and general day to day operations of the City to educate and inform residents.	Education & Communication			X			Communications and Marketing Dept.	Planning Dept.
G-3. Cultivate a more resilient and self-sustaining local economy and workforce	1 Update the 2012 Economic Development Strategic Plan.	Regulations				X		Economic Development	N/A
	2 Leverage Waxahachie's history and assets (airport, business park, industrial corridor, etc) to grow businesses in healthcare, industrial, and manufacturing categories.	Partnerships				X		Planning Dept.	Economic Development
	3 Support the City's network of local developers and builders who want to build small scale development in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan. A local network of "community investors" is a key component of growing a self-sustaining local economy and workforce and cultivating local wealth in the community.	Partnerships	X					All departments	N/A
G-4. Align development and budgeting with the community's values and desired outcomes	1 Consider including the comprehensive plan vision, values and guiding principles in the annual budget report.	Guidelines			X			Finance	N/A