



# **Garden Plain City Council Strategic Plan**

## **2026-2030**

### **Garden Plain City Council Vision Statement:**

A thriving community with an expanded tax base; a city organization providing trustworthy service.

### **Strategic Goals**

#### **Goal One: Increase the Tax Base & Strategically Grow Our Community**

1. Update and implement the city's incentive policies to increase resources and help create jobs.
2. Expand community development, focusing on retail and commercial growth. Continue industrial development efforts as opportunities arise.
3. Leverage and enhance existing community partnerships.
4. Target empty, underused, dormant commercial and industrial properties and spaces for development/redevelopment.

#### **Goal Two: Increase Housing Stock**

1. Identify and partner with developer(s) to plat single and multi-family housing developments.
2. Continue to work with existing builders and developers and recruit additional, reputable companies to construct new single-family homes in the community at all price points.
3. Explore and identify types of incentives available to developers for new housing.
4. Provide support to developers seeking incentives at the state level (KHRC, CDBG, and others).
5. Invest in improvements and redevelopment of core area(s) of town. Provide support, resources, and allocate funding for needed infrastructure updates and expansions to promote in-fill development.



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### **Goal Three: Increase Amenities to Improve Quality of Life**

1. Pursue public-private partnership opportunities to expand retail, commercial, and quality of life/place initiatives.
2. Develop, budget for, and implement plans for redevelopment of existing and new community amenities such as parks, splash pad(s), paths and trails, and others as derived from recent community surveys and the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
3. Develop a master Parks and Trails plan, as noted in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
4. Identify funding for installation of a new downtown Main Street sound system.
5. Identify potential sites for new public park amenities.
6. Expand amenities at the Prairie Sunset Trail head including shade structures, bicycle repair stations, water bottle filling stations, potential restroom.

### **Goal Four: Maintain and Improve Infrastructure and Public Facilities**

1. Appropriate funding for preventive infrastructure maintenance and expansion. Pursue grant funding and low interest loans as applicable and available.
2. Establish and allocate funds to Municipal Equipment Reserves (MERs) for General Fund, Enterprise Funds (utilities/PBC, etc.).
3. Update and continue to implement priority projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Continue to pursue state and federal grants and programs to assist with funding construction and implementation of these projects.
4. Adequately fund building maintenance for all City facilities through our MERs and CIPs. Maintain high-quality construction standards that comply with adopted MABCD standards for both public and projects.