

EVOLUTION 2040

Local Development Scheme



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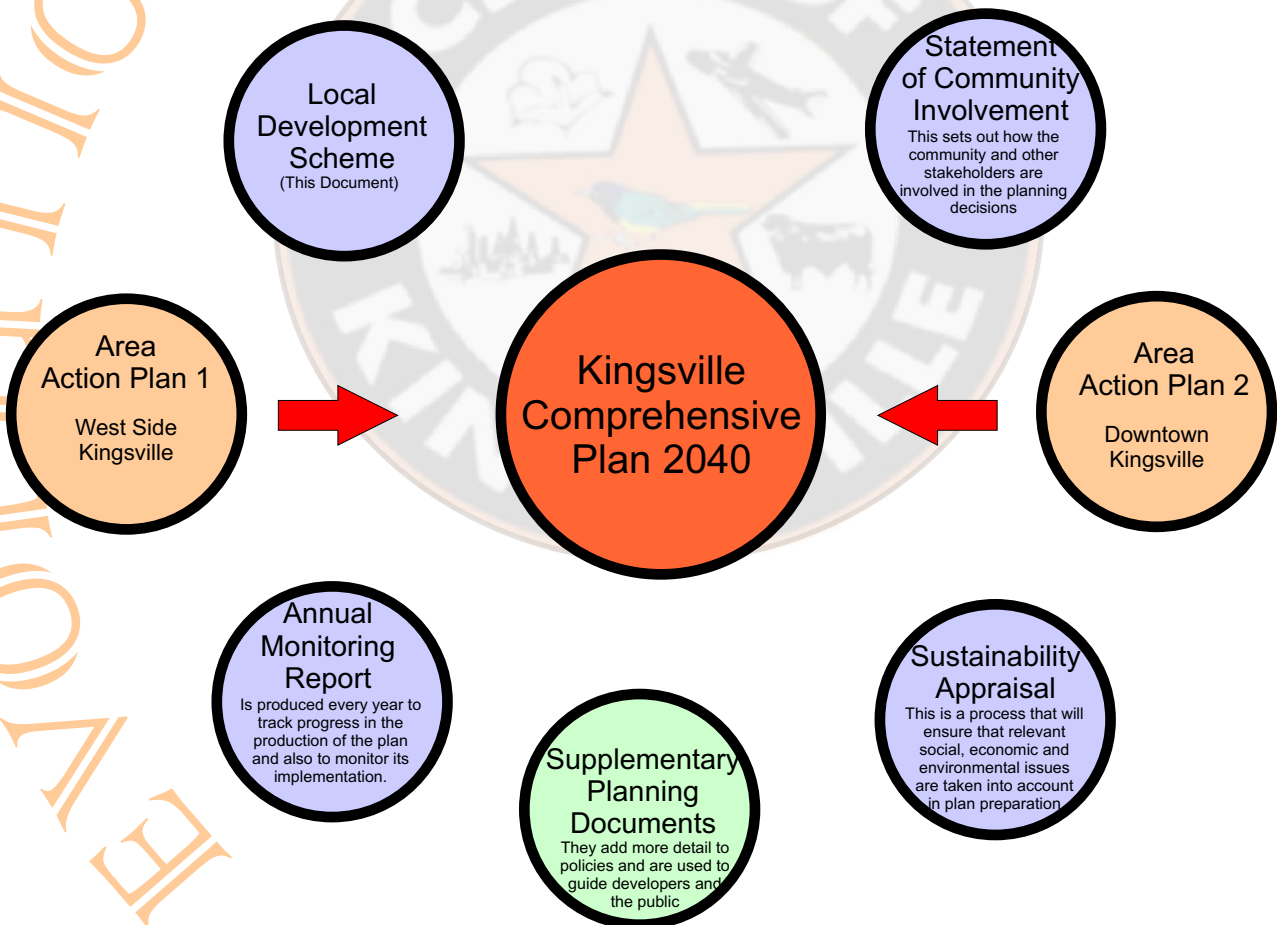
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CITY OF KINGSVILLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (Local Development Framework Timetable)

Introduction:

The City of Kingsville continues to evolve. It is currently experiencing growth in development that calls for growth management. This is also at a time of a health pandemic that calls for an enabling environment suitable for healthy living. Consequently, a comprehensive plan is being produced. This plan comes in the form of a Local Development Framework (LDF) which is a suite of documents that includes the actual comprehensive plan (Core Strategy) as described below.

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) describes the planning policy documents that are to be prepared for the City of Kingsville, TX. The LDS is the project plan that shows the timescales and key milestones for the production of the comprehensive plan. This comprehensive plan will comprise a number of documents. The plan will strive to ensure that development achieves a balance of delivering economic, social and environmental sustainability objectives.



Document Profile

Evolution 2040: Kingsville Comprehensive Plan (Core Strategy)

Role and Scope

The Kingsville Comprehensive Plan, otherwise known as the Core Strategy sets out the overall direction for land use planning in Kingsville, TX. This plan was in response to the deficiencies inherent in the City's current Master Plan as well as land uses; a deterioration in the economic base and a need to provide for an enabling environment suitable for healthy living. The plan would create easy access to good jobs and generally crystallize an environment devoid of blight and decay where people would want to live, work and appreciate nature.

The Core Strategy (CS) provides a vision for Kingsville followed by strategic principles that will deliver this vision. This includes job creation and expansion of employment areas, retail-led development, good quality housing development, science and research as well as improving infrastructure to support growth within the city. The CS makes clear spatial choices about where development should be located in general terms. It defines the boundary and sets out strategic allocations for housing and employment. The CS looks comprehensively at the land use function of Downtown Kingsville and allocates key sites and development opportunity sites in order to promote their eventual development. There is also an emphasis on the improvement and preservation of the historic downtown area under the Main Street Program.

Time Table

Master Plan Review	June 2022 - September 2022
Commence preparation, consultation on city vision and broad goals	October 2022 - December 2022
Initiate sustainability appraisal and evidence gathering, consultation with public and statutory bodies	January 2023 - June 2023
Alternatives Issues and Options, consultation on preferred option.	April 2023 - July 2023 (Community meeting - July, 2023)
Preparation of the draft CS and consultation on draft CS. (Public Hearing in October 2023)	August 2023 - October 2023
Publication of Submission Document	October 2023 - November 2023
Adoption	December 2023

Document Profile

Area Action Plan 1: West Side Kingsville

Role and Scope

The Westside Area Action Plan will address the land use function of the West side area and also take a strategic look at the area's future development. This is a regeneration plan that seeks to analyze the physical characteristics of a disadvantaged area in Kingsville and translate the needs of the community into developing an integrated program that would create better living conditions for the residents

Geographic Coverage

The Westside Area

Status

Development Plan Document

Policy Context

Must be in conformity to the Comprehensive Plan and the Local Government Code ch. 213

Time Table

Commence preparation, kick off with a briefing workshop/**neighborhood meeting**

October, 2022

Needs assessment, identification of issues, (evidence gathering), consultation with public and statutory bodies

October 2022 - December 2022

Neighborhood Meeting 2 - Vision setting and develop Goals

December 2022

Alternatives Issues and Options, consultation on preferred option.

January 2023 - March, 2023

Neighborhood Meeting 3 - Preferred Option

March, 2023

Preparation of the draft Neighborhood Plan (NP) and consultation on draft NP

April, 2023 - June, 2023

Neighborhood Meeting 4 - Draft Plan

June, 2023

Amendments, adjustments, publication of final draft and implementation program

July 2023 - October, 2023

Adoption

October 2023

Document Profile

Area Action Plan 2: Downtown Kingsville

Role and Scope

The Downtown Area Action Plan will address the land use function of the Downtown area and also take a strategic look at the area's future development. This is a revitalization project that seeks to analyse the socio-economic characteristics as well as the extent of blight and decay within the downtown area. Emphasis would be on the area within the Main Street Program. Improvement on the street scape, vibrant retail offer would be key features of the plan

Geographic Coverage

The Downtown Area

Status

Development Plan Document

Policy Context

Must be in conformity to the Comprehensive Plan and the Local Government Code ch. 213

Time Table

Commence preparation, kick off with a briefing workshop (Revitalize Downtown)	December, 2022
Needs assessment, identification of issues, (evidence gathering), consultation with public and statutory bodies (Review Vision Plan)	January 2023 - April, 2023
Revitalize Downtown 2 - Vision setting and develop Goals	April, 2023
Generate and evaluate alternatives, consultation on preferred alternative.	May, 2023 - June, 2023
Revitalize Downtown 3 - Preferred Option	July, 2023
Preparation of the draft Action Area Plan and consultation on draft Plan	July, 2023 - December, 2023
Revitalize Downtown 4 - Draft Plan	December, 2023
Amendments, adjustments, publication of final draft and implementation program	January 2024 - March, 2024
Adoption	March, 2024

Sustainability Appraisal:

A sustainability appraisal (SA) will be carried out for each part of the Local Plan and also for the supplementary planning documents (SPDs) where necessary. This is necessary to ensure that all relevant social, economic and environmental issues are considered throughout the document. It is also pertinent, where any potential adverse impacts could occur, these are mitigated against. On the flip-side, where there are positive impacts arising from the plan, the SA recommends maximizing this potential.

Monitoring

A part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) includes an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). This presents a report on the progress of the production of the Comprehensive Plan otherwise known as the Core Strategy (CS) as well as the SPDs. It would also report on the progress of the implementation of current policies. It is important to note that the AMR constitutes an effective method of gathering and analysing information on the development activity in Kingsville as well as identifying trends and informing policy preparation and review. Every year, the Planning Department will produce monitoring reports, presenting information on Local Plan preparation and the implementation of extant policies. The report also informs on implementation progress with respect to the emerging Comprehensive Plan. This includes setting out progress on the timescale indicated within the LDS

Gathering Evidence

Part of the comprehensive plan process entails detailed evidence/data collection. This needs to be provided to make sure policies are sound, based on up to date information and can be justified. The City Commission will make sure that a robust evidence base is provided for each of the Development Plan Documents (DPD) as appropriate

Duty to Cooperate:

There is a need for local government bodies and other statutory bodies to work together on cross-boundary issues especially those relating to strategic priorities for an area. This includes: infrastructure, housing development, transportation, employment, community facilities and commercial development. In a nut shell, the duty to cooperate requires:

- Councils and public bodies to engage constructively to address matters of development that may have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.
- Joint working on strategic cross-boundary issues.
- Consideration given to meeting the development needs of an adjacent Council who is unable to wholly meet its own needs.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

SPDs support policies within the comprehensive plan (CP). They do not contain new policies, but give clarity and further guidance on policies within the CP. SPDs are completed as and when resources allow within the relevant departments. Once agreed upon, the timetable for the production of each of the SPDs would be made public. The list of potential SPDs usually crystalizes over time when the need for additional policy guidance is flagged up through the AMR, through day-to-day work operations, or where new situations arise such as a new area for development.

Resources:

The preparation of the City's comprehensive plan is primarily the responsibility of the Planning and Development Services Department, with inputs from the Public Works Department, Economic Development Department, Engineering Department as well as Tourism. The planning team will be able to draw on advice and assistance from other similar authorities and statutory bodies and where necessary, some aspects of the work would be commissioned to external consultants subject to approval from the City Commission. Any future resource requirement will be subject to ongoing monitoring and review.

Risk Assessment:

The City of Kingsville's Comprehensive Plan is being prepared at a time of a serious health pandemic and substantial economic uncertainty at the federal, state and local levels. The following potential risks have been identified, some of which are beyond the control of the City:

- Continuity of funding and staffing resources for the Planning and Development Services Department. Changes to resources within other departments that contribute to the plan preparation could also impact on timescales.
- Unplanned or unforeseen work or duties requiring urgent attention.
- Events such as local and national elections.
- Time required for consideration and decision making within the City, or amongst Elected Officials, stakeholders and the public generally, especially where there is considerable interests in policy areas.
- Changes in economic/market circumstances, or other unforeseen external influences which necessitate additional consultation.

The City will closely monitor progress on the work program and seek to manage these risks in order to adhere to timetable set out in the LDS.

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