

## PREFACE 05-15-13

Connecting to the Future: Sapulpa 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2030 Plan) is the first major update of the Sapulpa, Oklahoma Comprehensive Plan 1988-2005 (2005 Plan). The 2030 Plan is a comprehensive statement of land use policies, goals and objectives for the incorporated areas presently annexed by the City of Sapulpa (City). It is also a policy statement regarding land use development within the City's unincorporated areas included within the Annexation Fenceline; this particular element of the 2030 Plan will be a recommendation to Creek County and Tulsa County about how these areas should develop. The unincorporated areas included within the Annexation Fenceline and the City's incorporated areas are referred to as the Planning Area.

It is recommended that upon adoption of the 2030 Plan by the City for the unincorporated portions of the Planning Area that the 2030 Plan is presented to for adoption to the Creek County Board of County Commissioners and the Tulsa County Board of County Commissioners.

The City's 2005 Plan was adopted by the City Council on March 7, 1988, by the Creek County Board of County Commissioners on August 8, 1988 and was prepared by the Community Planning Division of INCOG. The City established a strong and early tradition of land use planning, zoning and development. The basis for that planning tradition has also been supported by the Sapulpa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (SMAPC) formed by the City Council and Creek County Board of County Commissioners. The membership of the SMAPC is composed of four (4) members from the City and four (4) from Creek County plus the City's Mayor or designee and the Chairperson of the Creek County Board of County Commissioners or designee, a total to ten (10).

In 2004 the City and Creek County adopted the 2025 Sapulpa-Creek County Major Street and Highway Plan and Trails Plan (2025 MSHP and Trails Plan). The 2025 MSHP and Trails Plan was amended in 2004 to include the now completed Centennial Trail, Plaza and Buffalo Sculpture on New Sapulpa Road/SH-66. The 2025 MSHP and Trails Plan is an official element of the 2030 Plan.

During the Planning Process, two (2) main activities have taken place which have formed the major platforms for preparation of the 2030 Plan: a **strategic planning process** was conducted by the City Council (which resulted in a "Community Vision") and an **interactive online survey** (Survey) was conducted to gather public input on specific topics as well as to offer citizens an opportunity to leave comments about the future development of the City.

The strategic planning process was initiated by the City Council in late 2010 and continued into early 2011 and identified a draft set of key factors and community

strategies bearing upon the future development the City and the Planning Area. The major community strategies identified by the City Council were as follows:

- Growth and Development
- Economic Health
- Transportation
- Community Culture and Character
- Downtown Vitality
- Neighborhood Character/Quality/Livability
- Safety and Wellness

The goals, policies and objectives based on the above strategies are presented in Chapters III and IV of the 2030 Plan.

The interactive online survey was available in an electronic long and short form on the INCOG website:

([http://www.incog.org/Community\\_Economic\\_Development/SapulpaPlan/home.html](http://www.incog.org/Community_Economic_Development/SapulpaPlan/home.html)) and on the City website: <http://www.cityofsapulpa.net/>. Paper copies were also distributed.

The online responses were automatically updated to the results as they are received; the data from the paper forms was also entered onto the webpage as it was received. A capsular overview of selected Survey results as of January 15, 2013 is as follows while the very latest results continue to be available on the INCOG webpage:

- 64% - Lived in Sapulpa more than 20 years
- 77% - Registered voters in Sapulpa
- 56% - Image of Sapulpa to non-residents was Very Good, Good
- 92% - Sapulpa should maintain the appearance and atmosphere of a small town through balanced growth.**
- 74% - Availability of housing for sale was Good, Adequate
- 59% - Availability of rental housing was Good, Adequate
- 67% - Quality of life in Sapulpa was Good, Adequate
- 80% - Appearance and availability of Sapulpa's parks was Good, Adequate
- 32% - Shopped in Sapulpa's Central Business (CBD) more than once per week
- 68% - Would shop more often in the CBD if more retail shops were available
- 47% - Would shop more often in the CBD if more restaurants were available
- 59% - Hospitality and entertainment - type of jobs needed
- 64% - Advanced manufacturing and industrial – type of jobs needed
- 67% - Additional retail development is important to the future development of Sapulpa
- 62% - Dinner and local theater type of hospitality, entertainment and tourism needed

- 52% - Greatest public improvements needed was for roads and street conditions
- 26% - Funding by dedicated sales tax for public improvements preferred option
- 37% - Sidewalks important on residential streets
- 89% - Possibly/definitely support a system of City-wide on- and off-street trails for bicycles and pedestrians
- 71% - Land use planning is important
- 72% - Improving and maintaining City's infrastructure (streets, water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, parks/recreation)
- 70% - City must be pro-growth through quality development

The INCOG webpage was also used for posting the elements of the 2030 Plan as they were completed to allow for public comment and input; the webpage remains available to the public. Public meetings were also held during the Planning process to gather face-to-face participation with stakeholders.

The 2030 Plan is a policy guide for the future physical and socio-economic development of the Planning Area which will be built by an essential and dynamic public-private partnership. The 2030 Plan provides a firm basis for effective, informed and consistent land use policy decisions that take place in both the public and private sector. The 2030 Plan also provides public officials and the citizenry with essential information about the City and its Planning Area. It is important that the 2030 Plan be reviewed and revised on a regular basis for it to remain current and viable and to reflect the appropriate and likely changing land use planning policies five (5), ten (10) or 15 years in the future during the Planning Period and until 2030.