

## **Folsom Strategic Recommendations – November 7, 2010**

This is a summary of the strategic recommendations in the Folsom Comprehensive Master Plan Draft. The strategic recommendations in the plan fall under the following categories: Transportation; Drainage, Water, Sewer Systems; Community Facility Needs; Housing; Agricultural and Natural Resources; and Economic Development. In the plan each recommendation will be inserted into an Implementation Matrix that will propose an implementation priority and time frame for each strategic recommendation.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### ***Highway 25 Expansion***

- 1) Continued engagement and participation with the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, Louisiana State Department of Transportation, and Regional Parish entities
- 2) Public Forums and Targeted Citizen Engagement
- 3) Coordination of local infrastructures improvements and upgrades on Highway 25
- 4) Development of a Highway 25 Corridor Urban Design Plan for Folsom

#### ***Paving of Village Roads***

- 1) By the year 2021, the Village of Folsom should target to have all of the current unpaved roads in the Village paved. Additionally the Village should look at other unimproved right-of-ways in the Village, especially those in areas that might provide access to areas of future development indicated in the Future Land Use Plan as well as the Infrastructure Improvements Map (Map 7).

#### ***Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Bike Paths***

- 1) Highway 25 Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Bike Paths Improvements
- 2) Connectivity to Railroad Avenue Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Bike Paths Improvements
- 3) Connectivity to Magnolia Park Sidewalks, Crosswalks, and Bike Paths Improvements
- 4) Utilization of the Complete Streets frameworks for Folsom

## **DRAINAGE, WATER, SEWER SYSTEMS**

### ***Water System 20 Year Improvements***

- 1) Highway 25 south past Bill Dyess Road to the Growth Management Area boundary
- 2) Highway 25 north to Annexation Area boundary
- 3) Large area between Quaglino/Girffith/Blue Bird, western Village limits south of Equestrian Training Center
- 4) 45 acre area annexed into Folsom behind school on Highway 25

### ***Sewer System 20 Year Improvements***

- 1) North Morgan Road and West of Pearl Street
- 2) North of Cleveland between St. Claude, St. Charles, Village Limits Roads, to Greenwood Road. Also Village Farms Subdivision.
- 3) Equestrian Training Center on Hay Hollow Road
- 4) Highway 25 South of Elementary School, down Highway 25 to Bill Dyess and Rosewood
- 5) Highway 40 west of Village limits, 45 acres, potential annexation area
- 6) Highway 25 and Hay Hollow Road, 32 acres surrounding Marley Estates

### ***Drainage System 20 year Improvements***

- 1) Survey of all drainage culverts and storm water drains in Folsom
- 2) Purchase of specialized equipment needed for both ditch clearing and culvert clearing
- 3) Revision of Subdivision Regulations standardizing drainage servitudes and requirements

## COMMUNITY FACILITY NEEDS

- 1) The Village of Folsom should further pursue this concept through the facilitation of Town Square/Mixed-Use Development Study. In this process it will be extremely important to seek input from neighborhood residents, businesses, and community leaders on how to proceed and where to identify sources of funding.
- 2) The Village of Folsom and COAST should work together to identify a suitable site for a new Senior Center in Folsom and to identify funds for construction and operation.

## HOUSING

- 1) Improve Housing in a Comprehensive Manner – Encourage residential development in areas that are physically and environmentally appropriate.
- 2) Encourage Housing Choice – Support the development of a variety of housing types that are affordable and that meet the housing needs of all residents, including the elderly population.
- 3) Enhance Quality Senior Housing Opportunities – Enable the development of senior housing (including congregate, assisted-living and independent housing types) in appropriate sections of the Village.
- 4) Utilize and Enhance Existing Housing Stock - Conserve the Village's housing stock and preserve community character through enforcement of all codes.
- 5) Encourage green or LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings and sustainable architectural practices.

## **AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

- 1) Preserve and enhance agricultural, horticultural and equine resources to maintain a strong local economy and preserve the historic character of Folsom.
- 2) Preserve existing parks and recreational opportunities and ensure integrated connections to the neighborhoods and the Village Center.
- 3) Work with State and regional agencies to preserve and enhance natural resources in the Village and the region.
- 4) Discourage incompatible development and alteration of floodplains, rivers and streams, wetlands, and woodland areas so as to preserve the integrity of these resources, promote the ecological value of these assets, to maximize resiliency, and to minimize adverse impacts upon adjacent properties.
- 5) Improve community-wide water quality by expanding wastewater and storm water capacity to include all new construction and/or package treatment plants that may reach capacity in the near future.
- 6) Support sustainable site design and building practices for the Village's development and redevelopment opportunities.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 1) The highway, street infrastructure, and drainage throughout the Village meets the needs of its residents, reduces congestion, and provides ample capacity for businesses.
- 2) The economy of the Village is diversified, but continues in its traditions of nursery and equine uses.
- 3) The amount of land available for new businesses and development meets the needs of economic growth for the Village. Planning and zoning tools are utilized to ensure this goal.