

**OVERALL GOALS, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIES  
TO GUIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE  
FOR TERREBONNE PARISH  
2012**

This Comprehensive Plan Update is guided by six key goals. They are stated very broadly to reflect their status as goals and to allow them to be shaped and ultimately achieved by the policies enumerated for each.

**Goal #1: Sense of Place and Connectedness**

**Goal #2: Safe and Efficient Transportation System**

**Goal #3: Efficient and Attractively Varied Land Uses**

**Goal #4: A Sustainable Community Through Avoidance of Hazards,  
Nuisances, and Environmental Degradation**

**Goal #5: High-Quality Infill Projects and Redevelopment throughout the  
Parish**

**Goal #6: Effective Public Services and Facilities**

The policies of the Comprehensive Plan Update that correspond with each goal are provided below. Terrebonne Parish will work to implement these policies through related objectives and specific strategies.

**Goal No. 1: Sense of Place and Connectedness**

- 1. Policy:** Promote sustainable growth management and resilient development practices in the Parish
- 2. Policy:** Achieve a sustainable balance between development activities, preservation of natural resources, and open space
- 3. Policy:** Promote Downtown Houma as the historic and cultural center of Terrebonne Parish.

## **Goal No. 2: Safe and Efficient Transportation System**

- 1. Policy:** Foster transportation safety in all system components
- 2. Policy:** Foster transportation accessibility and connectivity for all, and transportation system efficiency throughout the Parish.
- 3. Policy:** Work collaboratively to complete unfinished/unconstructed segments of I-49 between Lafayette and the westbank of Jefferson Parish.
- 4. Policy:** Support entrepreneurial efforts to begin intercity transit between Houma-Terrebonne and employment centers located to the east and west.
- 5. Policy:** Support improvements to local transit service and methods to attract new riders the Good Earth Transit system in Houma-Terrebonne.

## **Goal No. 3: Efficient and Attractively Varied Land Use**

- 1. Policy:** Encourage a sustainable mix of land uses in the Parish that meet the needs of current and future residents
- 2. Policy:** Encourage land development patterns in the parish that are compatible with existing development
- 3. Policy:** Encourage land development patterns that are supportive of cost-effective delivery of public services and infrastructure.
- 4. Policy:** Meet the diverse housing needs in the Parish by providing a range of housing options to serve the long-terms needs of parish residents.
- 5. Policy:** Ensure that the Parish is well served by attractive commercial districts in appropriate locations that meet the day-to-day needs of its residents and visitors.
- 6. Policy:** Maximize the benefits derived from the Parish's investments in community facilities and infrastructure
- 7. Policy:** Promote sustainable growth management practices in the Parish

- 8. Policy:** Achieve a sustainable balance between development activities, preservation of natural resources, and open space

#### **Goal No. 4: A Sustainable and Resilient Community Through Avoidance of Hazards, Nuisances, and Environmental Degradation**

- 1. Policy:** Support protection of environmentally sensitive habitat areas, including efforts to create conservation zones.
- 2. Policy:** Support protection of wetlands for their storm water management, flood control, and habitat value.
- 3. Policy:** Support local, state and federal efforts to have our local water bodies meet or exceed national clean water standards.
- 4. Policy:** Support development and implementation of a greenway plan and program that uses flood plains, drainage basins, retention ponds, and undeveloped land to connect neighborhoods with parks, schools, community destinations and Downtown Houma.
- 5. Policy:** Support plans and programs that increase public access to the parish's water resources for recreational purposes either near or on the water.
- 6. Policy:** Support high quality, well-maintained parks, recreational areas, and greenway network and infrastructure in the parish.
- 7. Policy:** Support measures designed to reduce storm damage from wind and water along the coastal plain and in those areas of the parish falling inside the 100-yr. flood plain contour.
- 8. Policy:** Support efforts to reduce ozone-related emissions by 20% by 2030
- 9. Policy:** Support efforts to quantify and fully understand the long-term impacts of sea level rise on Terrebonne Parish.
- 10. Policy:** Support efforts to ensure all parish buildings and operations are models of resource and energy efficiency

## **Goal No. 5: High-Quality Infill Projects and Redevelopment throughout the Parish**

- 1. Policy:** Support efforts to creatively and attractively use vacant lots and parcels in developed areas to meet community housing needs.
- 2. Policy:** Support efforts to utilize larger vacant parcels in the urbanized area as part of an affordable housing strategy.
- 3. Policy:** Support efforts to provide affordable housing in the bayou communities.

## **Goal No. 6: Reliable and Efficient Public Utility and Facilities Infrastructure Designed to Meet the Needs of the Community for the Next 30 Years**

- 1. Policy:** Support investments in needed infrastructure upgrades or rehabilitation/reconstruction where necessary, not only to improve service and avoid potential health issues in the community, but to support economic development initiatives and redevelopment in the parish's urbanized core.
- 2. Policy:** Support full implementation of a GIS-based parish asset management system.
- 3. Policy:** Support integration of drainage facilities into a public amenity network
- 4. Policy:** Support full funding of public safety operations in the parish on annual basis.
- 5. Policy:** Where possible, look to meet new needs and demands for public facilities by expansion/enhancement of existing facilities first, before considering the building of new facilities.
- 6. Policy:** Support efforts to reduce solid waste stream by 25% by 2030.
- 7. Policy:** Support efforts to achieve full compliance with accessibility standards under ADA in both public and private facilities.