



## LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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APPLICATION NUMBER  
Comprehensive Plan Amendment 21002  
Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive  
Plan

FINAL ACTION?  
No

RELATED APPLICATIONS  
MISC 21011: 2050 Long Range  
Transportation Plan

PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE  
October 27, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL**

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This is a request to adopt the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan also known as PlanForward 2050.

The draft plan is available for review on the project website at [www.planforward2050.com](http://www.planforward2050.com).

Direct links to the different plan formats are below. Both formats include the same content.

[Website version](#)

[PDF version](#)

### JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDATION

PlanForward was developed over a two-year process with significant input from City and County staff, community stakeholders, elected and appointed officials, and the general public. PlanForward builds on the ideas established with LPlan 2040 and introduces new goals, policies, and action steps to lead the community forward over the next 30 years.

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## ANALYSIS

1. This application is to adopt the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan (PlanForward 2050). This is a scheduled “major” plan update, which occur once every ten years. The last major update was LPlan 2040, adopted in October 2011 (LPlan also had a “minor” update adopted in December 2016). As a major update, PlanForward moves the planning horizon ahead to 2050 and adds significant new ideas and content.
2. Demographic projections were obtained at the beginning of the process to form the foundation of PlanForward’s 30-year assumptions. The projections were completed by the UNO Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR). Key highlights from the projections are below.
  - Lancaster County will add approximately 120,000 persons by 2050, for a total population of 440,000. Approximately 90 percent of county population growth will be in Lincoln.
  - Lancaster County will add approximately 53,000 households by 2050, for a total of 183,000 households.
  - Average household size will decrease from approximately 2.36 today to 2.30 in 2050.
  - The Lancaster County population age 65 and above will increase from 45,600 (14.2 percent of total) in 2020 to 74,900 (17 percent of total) in 2050.
  - Minority population will increase from 20.5 percent of the county’s total today to 35.3 percent in 2050.
3. The Comprehensive Plan identifies Lincoln and Lancaster County’s desired future vision and the roadmap for how to get there. The vision is implemented through goals and policies used to guide future changes. The Comprehensive Plan illustrates where, how and when the community intends to grow, how to preserve and enhance the things that make it special, and strategies for implementing the vision for how residents will live, work, play, and get around in the future.
4. With PlanForward, the community’s vision was expressed through five themes. The community vision, as found in the Introduction section of PlanForward, is below.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap to “plan forward,” not only in time, but in concept, to envision a community that is:

- Resilient: a capacity to adapt to new challenges, ensure the security of physical and cultural resources, and sustainably meet the needs of current and future generations.
  - Innovative: continuous improvement and innovation through the use of data, technology, smart city strategies, and problem solving.
  - Livable: a safe and healthy environment that provides a high quality of life for all residents.
  - Thriving: engage businesses, educational institutions, economic development efforts, labor representatives, and other stakeholders to ensure that the community prospers by remaining a place of economic opportunity, maintaining a positive business environment, and addressing workforce needs.
  - Equitable: provide meaningful access to all opportunities and establishes a culture of belonging, regardless of a person’s identity (i.e. economic status, race, ethnic background, culture, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or mental, physical, or linguistic ability).
5. PlanForward includes similar topics as LPlan 2040, but the Plan includes a new organizational structure to promote inter-connectivity and avoid “siloing” of topics. PlanForward is organized around nine topic areas, called Elements. Each of these Elements is connected to associated Goals and Policies.
    - Complete Neighborhoods and Housing: Discusses the desired pattern of development in newer and older neighborhoods and strategies for meeting future housing demand.

- Infill and Redevelopment: Describes the strategy for mixed use infill and redevelopment that strives for compatibility with surroundings while accomplishing various principles of the Plan.
- Business, Economy, and Workforce: Describes PlanForward's support for economic development, workforce development, and additional commercial and industrial activities.
- Environmental Resources: Includes an outline of the guiding principles for environmental resources, a discussion of environmental resource features and a long range planning and implementation approach with associated strategies, entitled "The Greenprint Challenge."
- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space: Includes an outline of the guiding principles for environmental resources, a discussion of environmental resource features and a long range planning and implementation approach with associated strategies, entitled "The Greenprint Challenge."
- Placemaking: Describes principles and strategies for acquiring and managing parks, recreation and activity centers, open space, greenways, and other recreational facilities in the community.
- Community Facilities: Reviews the projected status of community facilities during the planning period, including libraries, fire services, law enforcement, health care, schools, and public buildings.
- Energy and Utilities: Examines energy and individual utilities including water, wastewater, watershed management, solid waste, electric services, information technology, and natural gas service.
- Transportation: Discusses the multimodal transportation network with regards to the elements of the Long Range Transportation Plan which include transportation goals, outreach and public participation, needs assessment, needs based plan, funding outlook, and fiscally constrained plan. It describes a balanced local transportation system built upon PlanForward's vision.

6. In addition to the nine Elements, PlanForward includes fifteen Goals that are big-picture aspirational statements regarding various topic areas. The goals were developed with extensive community input.

- Safe, Affordable, and Accessible Housing: Lincoln and Lancaster County will support the development of safe, affordable, and accessible quality housing that meets the diverse needs of the community.
- Complete Neighborhoods: Lincoln and Lancaster County will support complete neighborhoods within both developing and redeveloping areas of Lincoln.
- High-Quality Workforce: Lincoln and Lancaster County will strive to remove barriers to economic stability and mobility in the community by supporting a skilled and educated workforce that is able to adapt to economic, technological, and cultural changes.
- Economic Opportunity: Lincoln and Lancaster County will have high-quality jobs in an economic environment that supports business creation, innovation, and expansion.
- Equity and Inclusion: Lincoln and Lancaster County will establish equity - regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, country of origin, religion, age, economic status, or zip code - as a core principle in the planning, decision-making, and policy development processes.
- Healthy, Active, and Connected People: Lincoln and Lancaster County will be a healthy community that continuously creates and improves both its physical and social environments where every person is free to make choices amid a variety of healthy, available, accessible, and affordable options.
- Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability: PlanForward commits Lincoln and Lancaster County to a sustainable growth framework that will conserve and efficiently utilize our economic, social, and environmental resources so that the welfare of future generations is not compromised.
- Community Resiliency: Lincoln and Lancaster County will be resilient to the climate hazards they will face.

- Civic Participation: Lincoln and Lancaster County recognize the need for an equitable civic process and community buy-in during the planning and decision-making processes.
  - Effective Government: Lincoln and Lancaster County will be responsive to community needs and provide efficient and reliable essential services to residents and taxpayers.
  - Rural Environment: Lincoln and Lancaster County will support a strong rural economy, with a focus on agriculture and other land uses, while preserving critical natural features and quality of life for county residents.
  - History and Culture: Lincoln and Lancaster County will celebrate the community’s history and diverse cultures and build upon the benefits they provide to civic health, economic vitality, and quality of life.
  - Community Appearance: Lincoln and Lancaster County will have a high-quality physical environment that creates a strong sense of place and community pride.
  - Technology: Lincoln and Lancaster County will support equitable access to technological innovation in order to sustain a vibrant economy, improve City and County services, and improve civic networking.
  - Transportation: Lincoln and Lancaster County will strive to achieve a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system that enhances the quality of life, livability, and economic vitality of the community.
7. The Plan also includes 80 Policies, with associated Action Steps, that provide detailed information about achieving the community’s vision and goals.
8. When the PlanForward draft was released to the public, new and notable additions were presented in the form of a “Top 10” list. This list is only a sample of the changes between LPlan 2040 and PlanForward 2050, but it provides a good overview of the most notable additions.

PlanForward “Top 10” new and notable topics:

- Complete Neighborhoods: Expanded discussion about creating neighborhoods with a mix of housing types and price points along with neighborhood commercial services, parks/open space, schools and other amenities.
- Infill & Redevelopment: New framework for infill that looks at varying densities of development based on surrounding context and provides a blueprint for achieving the 25 percent infill goal.
- Local Food: Updates to provide stronger support for local food production.
- Early Childhood Care & Education: New discussion and policy recommendations to support early childhood care.
- Sustainability: Various updates to increase support for sustainability initiatives.
- Resiliency: Climate Action Plan items integrated throughout the plan.
- Workforce Development: New discussion to highlight and support the community’s workforce development efforts.
- Equity: The topic was woven into the process and PlanForward text, with many new additions highlighted through “equity lens” callouts in the Plan.
- Design Standards: PlanForward includes an updated menu of commercial design standards options ranging from big (citywide commercial design standards) to focused (design standards for TIF redevelopment projects). This topic was already in LPlan, but PlanForward provides more detail about implementation options.

- **Parking:** New policy to evaluate the elimination or reduction of minimum parking requirements in additional zoning districts.

9. The Growth Framework can be found in the Introduction section and includes the 2050 Growth Tiers Map for Lincoln and the 2050 Future Land Use Map for both Lincoln and Lancaster County. The 2050 growth plan was developed by analyzing building and demographic trends and surveying committee members and the public about what types of growth they would like to see in the community. The growth plan continues to follow natural drainage basins to support the continued policy and use of gravity sanitary sewers.

Over the next 30 years PlanForward calls for a higher proportion of new growth as infill (25 percent of all new residential units - LPlan assumed 22 percent) and a greater residential density for edge growth (4.0 units per acre - LPlan assumed 3.0 units per acre). The assumption of more infill and greater edge density has significant impacts on topics found throughout the plan. Overall, the growth framework will continue to implement long-standing policies while meeting the needs of our growing community.

The Growth Framework section, including the Growth Tier and Future Land Use maps, can be found at the following link: [Growth Framework](#)

10. In response to conversations during development of PlanForward, a new Light Industrial category was added to the Future Land Use map. This category is intended to allow for more flexible placement of industrial uses that don't create hazards or nuisances to surrounding properties. Approximately 2.1 square miles of Light Industrial area was added to the 2050 Future Land Use map throughout the community, including a new South Beltway interchange.

11. The public input process was launched on January 16, 2020 with a press conference from Mayor Gaylor-Baird. The pandemic changed things early in the process, but the public engagement plan evolved to accommodate online "virtual" input options to supplement in-person meetings at the beginning and end of the process. The overall process included in-person and virtual public events, surveys, numerous meetings with interested groups and community organizations, and extensive online and social media engagement. More information about the process can be found in the Public Engagement Summary appendix of PlanForward.

A brief listing of the major public outreach activities is below.

- Big Picture Visioning, February 2020
  - In-Person Public Event: 150 attendees at Pinnacle Bank Arena
  - Virtual Event: 437 page views
  - Survey: 622 responses
- Policy Framework, July/August 2020
  - Virtual Event: 251 page views
  - Survey: 459 responses
- Rural Policy Discussions, October 2020
  - Three In-Person Events: 62 attendees
- Growth Tier and Future Land Use Maps, November 2020
  - Virtual Event: 1,064 page views
  - Survey: 25 map comments
- Draft Plan Review, September/October 2021
  - Virtual Event: 1,260 page views
  - Three In-Person Events: 34 attendees

12. Three committees were established to guide creation of PlanForward:

- Community Committee: Had a primary role in studying, analyzing, and discussing major elements of the Plan. There were 32 members including the Planning Commission and stakeholders with various interests in the community. The Community Committee met 18 times over the course of two years.
- Staff Committee: Reviewed and developed content for the Plan. Included City and County staff along with agency representatives. The Staff Committee met eight times and was supplemented with one-on-one meetings with committee members.
- Equity Subcommittee: Reviewed and helped revise content related to Goals and Policies in the Plan. The subcommittee included members from populations who are typically underrepresented in public input processes. Three facilitators led the discussions: Robbie Summers with the non-profit organization Inclusive Communities, Maja Harris former Planning Commissioner and Director of Hormel Harris Foundation, and Francisca Beltran with the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. The Equity Subcommittee met ten times. More information about the subcommittee can be found in the Equity Subcommittee Report in the PlanForward appendix.

13. The PlanForward draft was made available for public review on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan content was available to review at a virtual meeting and at three in-person meetings. All comments received through October 8<sup>th</sup> have been addressed in the draft plan available for Planning Commission review. More information about comments received on the draft Plan are attached to this staff report.

14. Recent planning efforts that were already adopted into LPlan 2040, such as the Affordable Housing Coordinated Action Plan and Climate Action Plan, were integrated throughout the PlanForward text. In addition, independently developed planning documents that have not been adopted into the Comprehensive Plan, such as the Nine-Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan, were used to inform PlanForward content.

15. PlanForward is the first local Comprehensive Plan to be available in an interactive online format. This was done to make plan content more accessible on desktop computers, tablets, and mobile phones. The interactive format allows for previously-siloed topics to be connected across multiple website pages. For example the Renewable Energy Policy is directly linked to the environmental resource, utilities, and community facilities topics. The pdf format is still available for those who prefer that version, and a paper copy will be kept in the Planning Department lobby.

16. PlanForward was completed concurrently and is integrated with the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The growth and land use plans from PlanForward were used to project future traffic demands and prioritize roadway and trail projects in Lincoln and Lancaster County. The Transportation Element of PlanForward, including with 18 transportation policies, includes content directly from the LRTP. More information about the LRTP can be found in MISC 21011.

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** File

**FROM:** Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department

**SUBJECT:** Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan

**DATE:** September 29, 2021

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This is an application to adopt the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan embodies Lincoln and Lancaster County's shared vision for the future, out to the year 2050. The theme of the Comprehensive Plan is "Plan Forward," because it envisions a future that not only looks forward in time, but also forward in concept with new and innovative ideas to support our growing community.

Development of the Comprehensive Plan included extensive public input with contributions from all facets of the community – from local leaders and topic area experts, to regular citizens with a shared interest in building a strong vision for Lincoln and Lancaster County.

This item will be scheduled for Planning Commission consideration at the October 27<sup>th</sup> hearing, with a briefing on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

The draft plan is available for review at [www.planforward2050.com](http://www.planforward2050.com).

# Phase 3: Public and Virtual Meeting

## Summary

*September 13 to October 8, 2021*

### Overview

The third phase and final phase of public input included three open house events and a virtual open house in coordination with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) public outreach. The draft Comprehensive Plan and LRTP documents were available on the virtual open house website for community members to review and comment on to ensure the documents reflected the community feedback heard throughout the two-year planning process. The website, PlanForward2050.com, was also updated and included a link to the virtual meeting website.

The virtual open house was designed to be interactive with the three components—goals, elements, and policies—interlinked with one another. Visitors could click a goal and scroll down to view the related policies and community indicators. Each policy linked to the supporting goals and elements. This approach allowed visitors to narrow into the components of the plan most important to them. They could also open a PDF of the plan which included all the content in a linear format like the previous 2040 Plan.

While no information was collected from viewers of the virtual open house, data showed it was viewed 1,260 times. Planforward2050.com, the main landing page for the planning process and the virtual open house, received a total of 1,800 views. A total of 34 people attended the three in-person open house events where staff was available to discuss the draft plans. Open house materials included a printed copy of the document, laptops with the virtual open house, display boards covering the plan content through a high-level overview. A Spanish interpreter was provided for the first open house which was expected to have the highest potential need for an interpreter. The hybrid model of virtual and in-person community engagement was a useful way to reach the widest possible audience during this phase.

### Advertising

A comprehensive advertising strategy was undertaken to promote the virtual and in-person events which included email, newspaper, social media, and a booth at a local event. The public meeting notice was posted in the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper which included information on accessing the virtual open house and the dates for the in-person meetings. Follow up articles promoted the Plan and gave background on the process.

An email with similar details was sent to the participants of the focus group meetings, the city's distribution list, and anyone who provided their email when submitting comments during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of public outreach.

Social media was used to encourage residents to visit the virtual open house to review materials as well as to attend an in-person meeting. There were a total of 205 comments and likes on the Facebook posts with 125,724 impressions and a reach of 40,587 people.

Finally, a booth was set up at StreetsAlive! on September 26<sup>th</sup> promoting the upcoming meetings and the virtual open house. With an estimated 4,000 attendees the event was a great opportunity to promote PlanForward and to talk with attendees unable to attend the open house events.

### Public Comment Summary

A combination of formal comments submitted in writing at the in-person events, digitally through the virtual open house comment boxes, and as informal conversations during presentations and at the open house events was used to both validate and modify the final plan. A total of 16 comments and five letters were received between September 13 and October 8, 2021.

### Social Media

While not part of the official public record, the posts on Facebook to drive traffic to the virtual open house garnered several comments and interactions. While much of it surrounded transportation and road conditions, there was support for more dense, mixed use projects to reduce sprawl, improve infrastructure spending power, and decrease vehicle dependency.

### In Person and Virtual Open House Comments

Attendees were asked to share their comments on the 2050 Growth Tiers Map, 2050 Future Land Use Map, and Top 10 Big Ideas. In addition, an open-ended question asked for feedback on the draft Comprehensive Plan in general. Following is a summary of the feedback received. Text in bold summarized the comments while the regular text is the response from the Planning Department.

- **Construction of the East Beltway.** This project is included in the Needs Based Plan, but significant funding from the state and federal government are necessary to move this project forward. The East Beltway Corridor Protection efforts will continue however and are included in the plan.
- **Equity in the plan is a good start, but what can be done now?** An Equity Subcommittee was created to review the goals and policies and address potential inequities. Recommendations from this group were incorporated throughout PlanForward. While this is a step in the right direction, we understand more needs to be done. This plan will be a starting point, not the end of the conversation.
- **Prioritization of investments in cooperative farming, food production, grocery, and local food systems should be considered to address food security.** Policy 22, Local Food, includes 16 action steps developed with input from community leaders and local food experts. Partnerships are identified as a key strategy. Incentives are also mentioned, including potential property tax incentives for agricultural use of vacant properties.
- **Comments were supportive of the infill and redevelopment policy as well as design standards for corridors and entryways, however one person was concerned about parking standards for infill.** Additional zoning/design standards updates will be necessary to implement the infill policy, and parking will be discussed as part of those updates as parking is a significant concern within existing neighborhoods.
- **Potential funding strategies, such Quality-of-Life Bond Issue for libraries, parks, and trails, were discussed.** Prior plans have touched on this subject, but more research is needed prior to pursuing.

## Letters

Several organizations and individuals submitted formal letters regarding the draft Comprehensive Plan.

- **The Partnership for Healthy Lincoln (PHL) submitted a letter of support for the draft Comprehensive Plan.** Their review concluded PlanForward's vision and goals directly contribute to a healthy and livable community. They were pleased to see G1 Safe, Affordable, and Accessible Housing and G2 Complete Neighborhoods. They reiterated the importance of G5 Equity and Inclusion as part of the plan moving forward. Additionally, they called out G6 Healthy Active and Connected People, G7 Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, G12 History and Culture, and several elements and policies that work towards creating a healthy community.
- **The Wachiska Audubon Society submitted a letter calling for the ability of people in Lincoln in 2050 to be able to enjoy birds as we can today.** While text in the Environmental Resources element and the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability goals doesn't state this outright, it does address the concept of preserving our environment today for the residents of 2050 to enjoy.
- **Bill Oberg submitted a letter primarily related to Nine-Mile Prairie and its surroundings.** While not specifically called out in the plan, the UNL Nine-Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan was referenced when developing growth areas and adding Environmental Resources land to the Future Land Use Map. The Environmental Resources element includes a significantly expanded discussion about the value of native prairie and a half mile buffer between the Nine-Mile Prairie and Urban Residential land maintained. Text regarding the Salt Valley Greenway was added calling out its ability to provide access to green corridors that would extend into the county to State Recreation Areas and natural resource areas. A trail connection to Nine-Mile Prairie was also added.
- **Marilyn McNabb submitted a letter encouraging the Plan to do more regarding climate action.** The Climate Action Plan, adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan, focuses on specific action items, and has a team working on implementation. PlanForward's growth framework is focused on incrementally increasing infill and density over the next 30 years to support more alternative transportation options. There are many areas within PlanForward that address aspects of the concerns from this letter including, but not limited to G6 Equity and Inclusion, E3 Business, Economy, and Workforce, and P18 conservation Design. The entire City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan is being adopted by reference in PlanForward. The Climate Action Plan also includes a reference to Lincoln's Vision for a Climate Smart Future.
- **The Coalition for Environmental Improvement submitted a detailed letter with suggestions organized by plan element.** Staff reviewed and provided responses to the material within the letter which included comments on the policies as well as approximately 25 suggestions for additional action items and 50 modifications to existing action items. The feedback addressed all elements except E7 Community Facilities and is therefore too broad to summarize here. The appendix includes this letter and how each comment is addressed.
- **The Lancaster Event Center submitted a detailed letter regarding its ability to contribute to the local economy and sense of place.** The center's ability to serve as an economic driver was highlighted as well as the future capacity to support more development in the area. The plan was amended to address many of their ideas.

## Feedback Incorporated into PlanForward

As part of the Phase 3 public engagement process staff reviewed all the feedback received and identified if and where the plan already addressed the comment, whether it could be incorporated with a change, or whether it was a good idea, but not necessarily right for this planning document. The appendix includes all comments and the Planning Department's responses. Below is the list of comments that were incorporated in this last round of PlanForward edits.

- Text was added to the **Environmental Resources element (E4)** to clarify support for natural systems that support wildlife.
- Text was added to the **Placemaking element (E6)** regarding the ability of prairies to provide a sense of place.
- A description of Lancaster Event Center was added to the **Community Facilities element (E7)**.
- N 84<sup>th</sup> Street from Cornhusker to Havelock was added as a secondary entryway corridor on Figure E6.b.
- As part of changes made to the Long Range Transportation Plan, several figures within the **Transportation element (E9)** were updated.
- New action step added to **Policy 7 Redevelopment Incentives** to add support for State Legislative action regarding a state tax credit program for housing rehab.
- Based on verbal comments received regarding light industrial the following new action step was added to **Policy 13 Commercial and Industrial Centers**: Develop a zoning implementation strategy for the Light Industrial land use category.
- In **Policy 18 Conservation Design** added text that the Climate Action Plan should be used as a guide when developing conservation design recommendations.
- Updates to **Policy 19 Native Prairie**
  - Action Step 1 was clarified to include carbon sequestration measurements in all cost-benefit and environmental impact studies.
  - Action Step 2 clarified that prescribed burn smoke areas should be considered when evaluating new development proposals.
  - Action Step 3 clarified that conservation easements should be acquired by both public and private property owners.
  - Action Step 4 clarified that prairie restoration should be encouraged for both public and private entities.
  - Action Step 5 added the Greenprint Challenge and Nine Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan as guiding documents for grassland preservation and restoration.
  - Action Step 7 added that prairie managers should be notified of any Future Land Use changes that could impact a designated prairie.
  - New action step added regarding the Monarch Pledge.
  - New action step about educating citizens regarding the value of native prairies.
- Updates to **Policy 21 Floodplains and Riparian Areas**
  - Action Step 1 was modified to highlight reducing flood risks and preservation of floodplain areas.
  - Action Step 3 was rewritten to utilize stormwater as an asset to minimize damage and pollution.

- Action Step 4 was modified to focus on storm water damage reduction, water quality, and natural areas for public recreation and education.
- New action step added with sub actions to continue to expand and enhance various stormwater run-off mitigation measures.
- Updates to **Policy 22 Local Food**
  - Added the example of the “From Mowing to Growing” campaign to Action Step 6.
  - Added LPS and SCC as stakeholders to be involved with local food conversations in Action Step 12.
  - New action step to support development of a local food master plan.
  - New action step to explore incentives for schools and other public institutions to purchase local food.
  - New action step to encourage public entities to explore leasing public land to prospective farmers and market gardeners.
  - New action step to encourage the development of a curriculum for agriculture and local food-growing in LPS and other school districts.
  - New action step to confer with economic development organizations, grocers, and restaurants to investigate how best to enlist private sector in expanding local food production, market development and career vocational opportunities in agriculture.
- Updates to **P23 Salt Valley Greenway**
  - Action Step 10.b added that the Nine-Mile Prairie Environs Master Plan should be used as a guide for open space, education, research, carbon sequestration, and trail opportunities.
  - New action step about the Monarch Pledge.
- Modification to Action Step 11 under **P25 Open Space with Development** to include carbon sequestration measurements in all cost-benefit and environmental impact studies.
- Updates to **P48 Renewable Energy**
  - Modified Action Step 5 to include city policy to decarbonize city fleet and equipment.
  - Modified Action step 7 to include buildings.
- Updates to **P49 Energy Reduction**
  - New action step added to expand and improve bike trails and bike lanes.
  - New action step added to implement the Lincoln Bike Plan.
  - New action step added to explore incentives for energy efficiency improvements for businesses, residences, and non-profits.
- Updates to **P50 Water Quantity and Quality**
  - Modified Action Step 6 to specify improvements to wastewater and drinking water treatment.
  - Modified Action Step 7 to add procurement of and funding for a second source of drinking water as a high priority.
  - New action step regarding developing a strategy and funding sources collaboratively with governmental and private sources to inventory, remove, and replace lead service lines.
- Updates to **P54 Water Resource Recovery Facilities**
  - Minor text changes to Action Step 1 to include update to facilities with technology and best practices

- New action step with sub items regarding programs for recycling and reuse, thermal heat recovery systems, biosolids, and sustainable uses of wastewater.
  - Modified Action step 4 from “encourage point source treatment of clean wastewater...” to “evaluate incentives for point source treatment...” and added text specifying maintenance of surface water and groundwater quality and quantity.
- New Action Item 9 under **P58 Waste Reduction and Diversion** to state Consider incentives for developments that conserve natural resources, including reduction of the amount of waste going into the landfill.
- Update to **Policy 60 Technology** to provide more details about a potential technology advisory review board.