

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WAVERLY NEBRASKA CITY OFFICES  
14130 LANCASHIRE STREET  
WAVERLY, NE  
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011  
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair  
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Jane Raybould  
Brent Smoyer

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Dan Nolte, County Clerk  
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

**NOTE:** The meeting was moved to a the basement conference room at Horizon Bank, 10841 North 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, Waverly, Nebraska.

The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011  
STAFF MEETING**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2011 Staff Meeting.

The Chair arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and assumed direction of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Hudkins, Smoyer, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Raybould abstained from voting. Motion carried 4-0.

**2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None were stated.

### **3 INTRODUCTIONS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES**

In attendance were: Charlotte TeBrink, Denton Village Clerk; Jill Hoefler, Firth Village Clerk; Vicky Polak, Hallam Village Clerk; Kelly Delke, Hickman City Clerk; Denise Saathoff, Malcolm Village Attorney; Nadine Link, Malcolm Village Clerk; Mike Werner, Waverly Mayor; Joe Dalton, President, Waverly City Council; Chad Neuhalfen, Waverly City Council; Greg Rickers, Waverly City Council; and Doug Rix, Waverly City Administrator/Clerk.

The Chair welcomed representatives of the County's cities and villages and introductions were made.

Roundtable discussion took place with the following reports:

- Denton is working to address radium that was discovered in its water supply. The cost to treat the water is estimated at \$685,000.
- Firth has a new well and a large drainage project. Firth would like to see 82<sup>nd</sup> Street paved from Roca Road to Saltillo and from Firth to Panama Road.

Hudkins said no new paving is anticipated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012, due to budget constraints and the reduction in state aid.

Smoyer noted the Legislature passed Legislative Bill (LB) 84 (Adopt the Build Nebraska Act and provide for distribution of sales and use tax revenue for road construction) and said the County will work to access those funds. Unfortunately those funds will not be available until 2013.

- Hallam has completed its Comprehensive Plan and has refurbished both of its wells. Hallam has concerns regarding deep potholes in its railroad crossings and debris along the railroad tracks from the 2004 tornado.

Schorr said the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) may be able to provide assistance if the crossing is unsafe.

- Hickman's new viaduct is scheduled to open in October. It also has a new water treatment plant and is starting work on a strategic plan. Hickman would like to coordinate its widening of 68<sup>th</sup> Street (Chestnut Street) through town whenever the County widens 68<sup>th</sup> Street from Hickman to Roca Road.

- Malcolm has completed warranty work on an upgrade of its wastewater treatment plant. It also plans to ask the County to deed its portion of a vacated road in the community to the fire department so it can assume responsibility for maintenance.
- Waverly would like to build a dry hazard dam along Ash Hollow Creek and has asked the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD) to share in the cost of a feasibility study. It would reduce flooding in Waverly and could take 100 homes and 35 businesses out of the 100-year floodplain. Waverly would like the first four to five blocks of Bluff Road to be paved with curbs and gutters when Bluff Road is hard surfaced. It would also like the Cannongate Overpass upgraded with a pedestrian crossing and will be looking for cost-sharing entities to assist with those projects. Waverly continues to press forward with its "quiet zone" project (a railroad grade crossing at which trains are prohibited from sounding their horns in order to decrease the noise level for nearby residential communities).

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, noted Waverly had inquired about whether there were plans for the State to take over maintenance of North 148<sup>th</sup> Street and said Don Thomas, County Engineer, has indicated there are no immediate plans for it to do so. He said Thomas has agreed to work with Waverly on Bluff Road, noting there will be additional costs.

Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the County's new Coast2Coast Discount Prescription Card Program and distributed cards and information on the program (Exhibit A).

**4 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OVERVIEW** - Mike DeKalb, Planner; Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Long-Range Planning Manager; Doug Pillard, Design Division Head, County Engineering

Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Long-Range Planning Manager; and Mike DeKalb, Planner, gave an update on the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (LPlan 2040) and Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), noting the following (Exhibit B):

- Population is projected to grow by 1.2% per year (125,000 individuals) which will require an additional 52,100 dwelling units.
- 90% will live in Lincoln, 4% in the other incorporated towns and 6% in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Lincoln is projected to grow by an additional 35.7 square miles by 2040.
- Growth will be directed to the incorporated towns.
- Acreage areas will remain the same as the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, except where the County has approved change of zones.

Fleck-Tooze noted the plan was developed with the assistance of an advisory committee that included representation from the small towns.

DeKalb said letters were sent to all of the County's towns, and those towns whose jurisdictions cross the county line, along with a map showing their one-mile zoning jurisdiction and asking them to verify whether that information is correct.

The following documents were also disseminated (Exhibits C-E):

- A map detailing future county road improvements
- An outline of the LPlan 2040 public process
- LPlan 2040 Newsletter (July, 2011 Issue)

**NOTE:** The draft plan is available on the County's website [www.lancaster.ne.gov](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov).

The Chair noted the County's public hearing on the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. It was also noted DeKalb plans to retire in August and Sara Hartzell will take over his position as County Planner.

**5 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS ON WASTEWATER, NUISANCE AND OTHER HEALTH ISSUES** - John Chess, Environmental Health Supervisor, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD); Jim Bare, Senior Environmental Health Specialist; Brittany Behrens, Deputy County Attorney

John Chess, Environmental Health Supervisor, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), reported on plans to update interlocal agreements with Lancaster County's cities and villages on sewage, wastewater, nuisance complaint investigations and air quality. He said no substantial changes are proposed. In terms of the sewage agreement, changes will be made to the process and to reference the appropriate resolution.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) HEARING SCHEDULE** - Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk, reviewed the Board of Equalization (BOE) hearing schedule, noting final action must be taken no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that 40.7% of the 1,083 property valuation protests filed received an adjustment.

**6 A) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND PENDING LITIGATION; AND B) CLASSIFIED, UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE SALARIES** - Mark Koller, Personnel Director; Nicole Gross, Compensation Technician; Tom Fox, Deputy County Attorney

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Smoyer seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. for the purpose of protecting the public interest with regards to labor negotiations, pending litigation and discussion of classified, unrepresented employee salaries.

The Chair restated the motion for the record.

**ROLL CALL:** Smoyer, Raybould, Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Smoyer moved and Heier seconded to exit Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. Hudkins, Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded to treat the classified, unrepresented employees ("C" and "X" Classifications) the same as employees represented by the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in terms of wages and benefits. Raybould, Heier, Hudkins, Smoyer and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Eagan reported an early morning lightening strike affected one of Windstream's offices and telephone land line customers in northwest Lincoln are without service. He said Emergency Management has dispatched ham radio operators to main intersections in that area to provide assistance.

**7 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) HEARING SCHEDULE** - Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

## 8 BUDGET UPDATE - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer, discussed the proposed budget, noting the following:

- Funding for the Workers Compensation/General Liability Funds has been switched to provide more funding for the General Liability Fund. A separate business unit has been set up to fund Sheriff pursuit liability.
- The property tax asking for the Bridge and Highway Fund, Debt Service Fund and Building Fund remains the same as last year.
- Funds were transferred from the Keno Fund to the General Fund for property tax relief (\$1,575,000). Less than \$40,000 remains unallocated.
- The \$2,000,000 in the Jail Savings Fund will likely be spent this fiscal year on furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) for the new Lancaster County Adult Detention Facility (LLCAD).
- There is approximately \$2,000,000 remaining in the Manor Fund for unemployment insurance and workers' compensation costs.
- Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) budget reflects a \$50,000 reduction in match for Region V, same as last year.

The Board affirmed the reduction in match. Meyer will notify CMHC and Region V.

- The property tax requirement for the CMHC Fund is reduced by \$490,000 because of budget reductions and the transfer of the Jail Diversion Program to Community Corrections.
- The General Fund is reduced by \$600,000 because of reductions to elected officials' budgets and Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) contributions.
- Information Services (IS) will transfer \$175,000 from its fund balance to the County to help reduce the budget.
- Juvenile Court and District Court each reduced their legal services budget by \$75,000.
- There were several adjustments to Business Unit No. 6120, including a \$20,000 reduction to the Personnel Department and a \$12,230 increase to the Planning Department.

Board consensus was to schedule discussion with Marvin Krout, Planning Director, of the increase in his department's budget on the July 28<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting agenda.

Meyer noted the fee for annual membership in the National Association of County Officials (NACo) has been removed from the budget. Annual membership in the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) remains in the General Fund budget but registration fees for NACO conferences (Southeast District Meeting, Annual Conference and County Board Workshop) were removed.

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Hudkins seconded to reinstate registration fees for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conferences. Hudkins voted aye. Heier, Smoyer, Raybould and Schorr voted nay. Motion failed 1-4.

Additional information regarding the registration costs was requested.

- There was a \$400,000 increase in Business Unit No. 6280 (Justice System) because of the transfer of Juvenile Justice funding from the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) budget.
- Corrections has made reductions to current jail operations totaling \$158,066. The Corrections budget will increase 9%, due to costs related to the new jail including payments to the District Energy Corporation (DEC) for heating and cooling.
- Community Corrections' budget has increased by \$206,000 because of the transfer of the Jail Diversion Program.
- The Youth Services Center's (YSC's) revenue budget was increased \$100,000 to balance the budget until final valuation numbers come through.
- Emergency Management has an added deputy position.
- Expenditures and revenues were increased by \$200,000 for General Assistance (GA).
- Joint Budget Committee (JBC) funding was reduced by \$200,000.
- A clerk typist position in Human Services will likely be reinstated to 40 hours, due to the implications to labor negotiations.

Heier said he asked the County Attorney's Office to look at whether the County can charge the City of Lincoln for road improvements/maintenance and the County Sheriff's provision of law enforcement services within the City's three-mile zoning jurisdiction.

There was Board consensus to seek a formal legal opinion from the County Attorney's Office on this issue.

## **9 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

## **10 CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

## 11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. Food Distribution at Center for People in Need (July 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.)

Informational only.

- B. Saltdogs Baseball Game

It was noted the Board has received an invitation from Jim Able to attend a Saltdogs' game as his guest. Board consensus was to attend the July 26<sup>th</sup> game.

- C. State Records Grant/Intern

Thorpe said the County's application for a State Records Grant was not approved. The Board had planned to use the grant to purchase software to integrate Outlook with TRIM (electronic records management system) and had discussed using an intern to assist with the implementation. There was general consensus to continue pursuing an internship through the University of Nebraska's Intern Program to assist with other activities, such as research, analysis of all County-owned properties or preparation of an annual report.

- D. Appointment of Mogien Boyd to the Board of Health

The Board scheduled the item on the July 26<sup>th</sup> County Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

- E. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiate Informational Meeting on August 22, 2011 (Annie E. Casey Grant)

Informational only.

- F. Juvenile Justice Funding

The Board reviewed an email from Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, expressing concern regarding recent action by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to approve a spending bill that eliminates most federal funding for juvenile justice activities. The full House is expected to take action on the bill before the August recess (see agenda packet).

**MOTION:** Raybould moved and Heier seconded to send a letter to Senator Mike Johanns, Senator Ben Nelson, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Congressman Lee Terry, and Congressman Adrian Smith, with signature by the Chair, expressing the Board's concerns regarding the legislation. Hudkins, Smoyer, Heier, Raybould and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Prudential Employee Retirement Representative

Eagan said the new representative is Michael Misegadis.

## **12 PENDING**

There were no pending items.

## **13 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

A. Region V Governing Board Special Meeting - Smoyer

Smoyer said it was a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

B. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Smoyer

Smoyer said he was unable to attend the meeting but was told discussion focused on the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Raybould

The meeting was cancelled.

D. Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) Budget Monitoring Committee - Smoyer

Smoyer said discussion focused on the City's budget.

E. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Hudkins

Hudkins said the DEC approved a resolution to allow the issuance of up to \$21,000,000 worth of revenue bonds for heating and cooling of the new West Haymarket Arena. Two members (Steve Masters and W. Don Nelson) were appointed to an ad hoc Financing Oversight Committee.

## 14 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Schorr reported that Dr. Jason Kruger, has been appointed the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director.

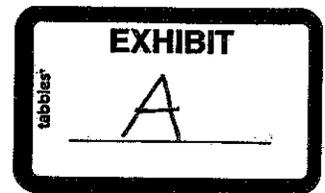
Heier reported on his recent attendance at a National Association of County Officials (NACo) Conference in Portland, Oregon. One of the sessions he attended was on jail alternatives and cost containment. He said he also visited a juvenile detention facility. Heier also reported that he met with other attendees from Nebraska and was asked why Lancaster County decided to move from NACo's Discount Prescription Card to Coast2Coast's Program. He explained the move was related to services and financial considerations and was asked to report back on whether Lancaster County is satisfied with the new program.

## 15 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Raybould seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Smoyer, Raybould, Heier, Hudkins and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

  
Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk





# Coast2Coast Rx Card

Your Prescription Savings Solution!



**Coast2Coast Rx Card**  
Your Prescription Savings Solution

**Name:** Gwen Thorpe  
**Member ID:** 4024238403  
**Processor:** NetCard Systems/RxWest  
**Bin#:** 008878  
**Group#:** LANC  
**Coverage:** Individual & Family  
This Plan Is NOT Insurance

WellDyneRx is the PBM



Present this card and your prescription to any participating pharmacy. At the time of service, you are responsible for any co-payment or other charges as required by your plan. This card is for information only and is not a guarantee of benefits. This program is VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

Member Services: 1-800-931-8872  
Pharmacy Help Desk: 1-888-886-5822  
Pharmacy Locator: [www.coast2coastrx.com](http://www.coast2coastrx.com)



To create another card, click [here](#). To return to the home page, please click [here](#).

- **Free:** There are no fees to pay for this card - EVER!
- **Savings Up to 65%:** Save on both brand name & generic drugs
- **No Limits on Usage:** There are no termination dates or usage limits - so the card can be used as often as needed
- **Convenience:** The card is pre-activated and ready to use at any of the 59,000+ participating pharmacies. Just take the card into a participating pharmacy the next time you need to fill a prescription. You don't have to pre-register the card prior to going to the pharmacy. The pharmacist will enter your information when you present the card to get your first prescription filled. Every major pharmacy chain honors the card as well as most independent pharmacies. For a list of the participating pharmacies in the area you live - or you're traveling - [CLICK HERE](#). To search for the retail price of your prescriptions [CLICK HERE](#). Note: this is normally the highest price - not the discounted price you'll pay for a prescription at a participating network pharmacy. So the best way to get pricing for your prescription is to go to your participating network pharmacy.
- **Everyone Qualifies:** There are no restrictions of any type - everyone can use the card.
- **Entire Family Can Use:** One card covers your entire family. You can, however, print additional cards for each member of your family if you so desire. You can

**also print additional cards for friends, neighbors, co-workers or relatives who don't have a prescription plan or who have high deductible health plans.**

- **Additional Benefits: As a Coast2Coast Rx cardholder, your entire family is entitled to additional discount benefits including dental, vision, hearing, lab & imaging. Look at the descriptions for each program on the home page and information on how to use these benefits. You must show your printed card at the time of service at any of these vendors. Click on the link above to return to the home page to view more information on these benefits.**
- **Instructions: Fill in the boxes below with your complete name. After clicking "submit" your information will appear on the card. Print the card and then cut out the card. Fold the card together and tape it. You might want to laminate it.**

**Here's a partial list of the participating pharmacy chains: ACME, Albertson's, Bi-Lo, Brooks, CUB, CVS, Dillon, Discount Drug Mart, Dominicks, Drug Fair, Duane Reade, Fred Meyer, Fred's, Fry's, Giant Eagle, Harris Teeter, Hy-Vee, Kerr Drugs, Kinney's, Kmart, Kroger, Longs Drug Store, Marc's, Medicap, Medicine Shoppe, Meijer Pharmacies, Osco Drug, Quick Chek, Raley's, Randalls, Rite Aid, Safeway, Sam's Club, Savon, Shaws, Shopko, Shop-Rite, Smith's, Snyders Drugs, SuperValu, Target, Tom Thumb, Tops, Ukrop's, Vons, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Wegmans, Weis Market & Winn-Dixie**



## Comprehensive Plan/LRTP Update

### Growth -

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- ✓Acreage areas will remain the same as 2030 Plan. Need projected for 5 square miles, provides 18.3 square miles of “yellow, 40.9 when all towns are included.
- ✓Growth is directed to the incorporated towns.
- ✓Updated and verified adopted towns plans and how they are reflected in the County Plan
- ✓Kept and added Agriculture language and the value of agriculture.
- ✓Kept and verified Environmental resources in the plan - flood plain, Prairie Corridor.
- ✓Added language on Energy, as required by new State Law provisions.

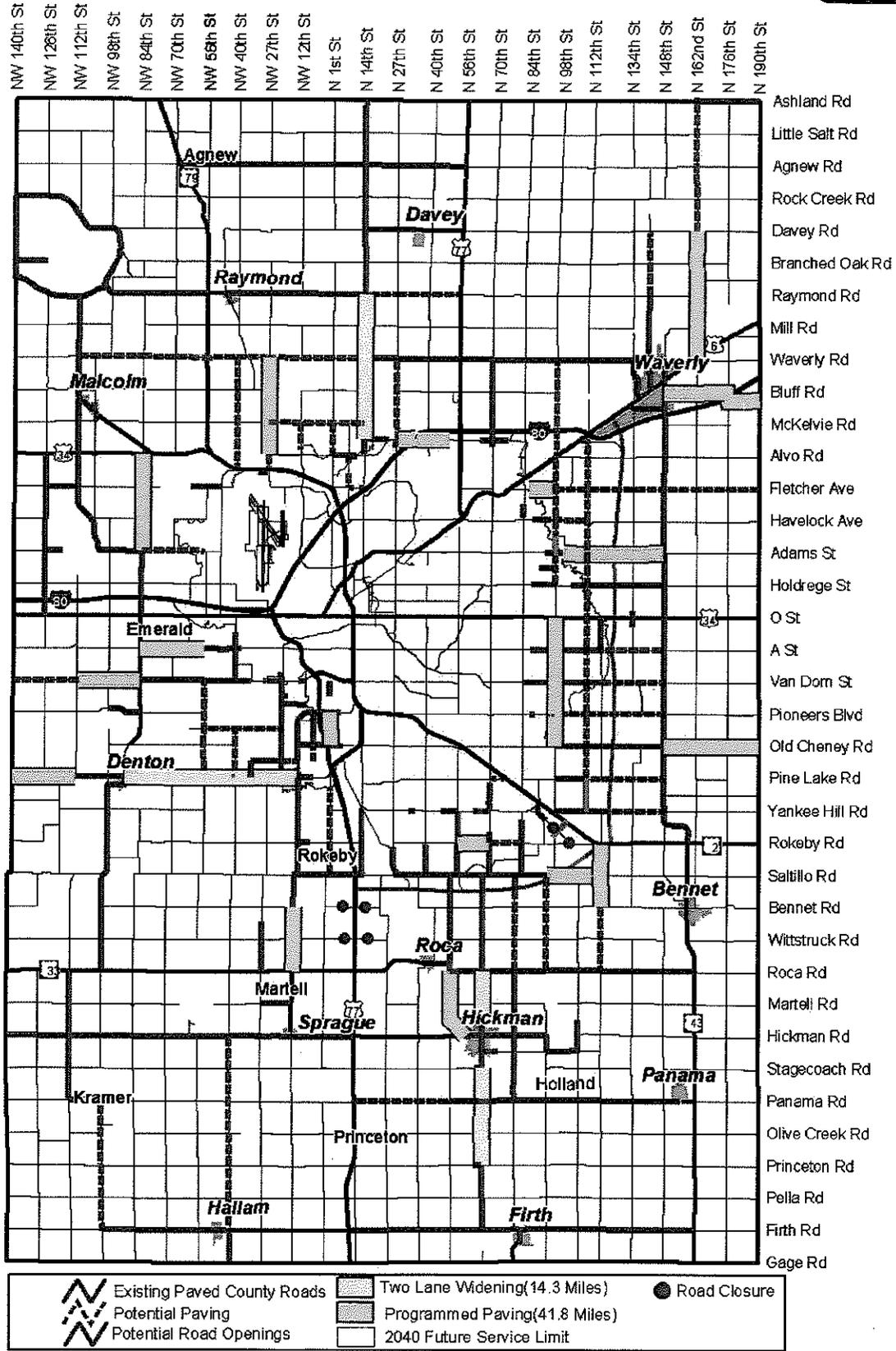
Long Range Transportation Plan - required to be updated by Federal Government to continue to receive funds. (Attached 2040 County Road Improvements Map)

- ✓Fiscally constrained
- ✓county roads likely candidates for future paving and triggered by funding and other factors determined by County Engineer.
- ✓Urban edge roads shown, fine grain
- ✓South and East Beltways as future illustrative projects, have corridor protections in place.

### Upcoming Calendar of events (attached)

- ✓Planning Commission hearings August 17, 24, Sept 7
- ✓Commons meeting October 3.
- ✓CC/CB hearing October 10-11/17-18 ?
- ✓MPO Officials Committee December 1, 2011.
- Adoption deadline for LRTP Dec. 31, 2011

Questions????? .....



Future County Road Improvements

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>June</b>						
			1	2	3	4
				LPAC receives LPlan summary & questionnaire		
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			LPAC discusses summary			
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		TARGET DATE: DRAFT PLAN				

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>July</b>						
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	Independence Day Holiday		Draft LPlan ready, posted online			
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		LPAC returns questionnaire			Printed plan ready for PC	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				PC packet sent		
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	PC workshop					
31				Newspaper Insert		

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>August</b>						
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MPO Technical Committee						
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	PC workshop				PC packet sent*	
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			PC Special Public Hearing 5-7pm**			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PC Continued Public Hearing during regular meeting					
28	29	30	31			

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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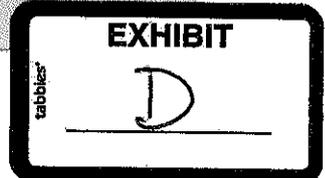
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				MPO Officials Committee?		

Notes:

\*Aug. 11: Summary of public input sent with regular PC packet

\*\*Aug. 17: Special meeting advertised 5-7 pm; recommence if needed at 7:30 pm following dinner break



# LPlan 2040 Newsletter

Issue **6**  
July 2011

Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan  
Prepared by: Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department and Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

EXHIBIT

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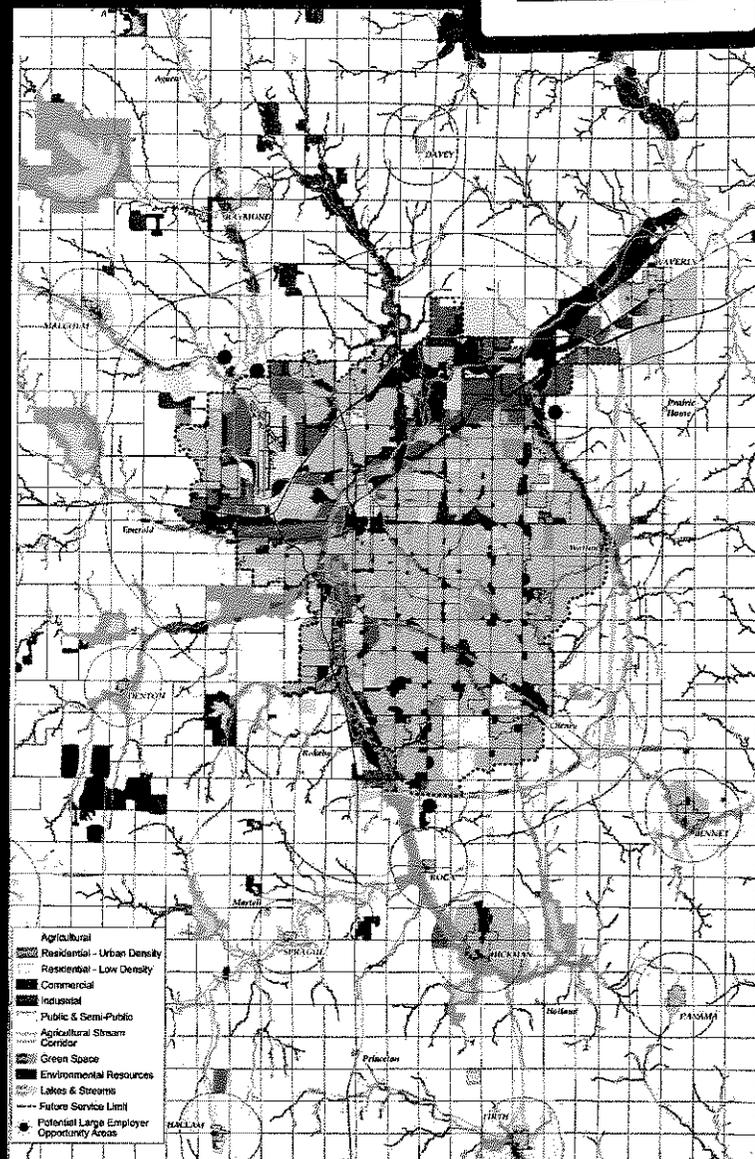
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LPlan 2040 is the draft Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan, which embodies Lincoln and Lancaster County's shared vision for the future, out to the year 2040. This newsletter summarizes the major Plan elements and items that are new for the 2040 Plan.

The development of LPlan 2040 was guided by the LPlan Advisory Committee (LPAC), a 20-person citizen committee comprised of the nine City-County Planning Commission members plus 11 additional citizen volunteers. LPAC met every two weeks for one year to provide

guidance on the direction for major elements and issues embodied by the Plan. All of LPAC's work, together with a list of members, can be found on

the LPlan 2040 website at [lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov](http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov). The Plan was also guided by tremendous public input throughout the past year based upon public outreach that was conducted through open houses, the Virtual Town Hall, an online comment board, interest group meetings, public surveys, presentations, displays at libraries and community centers, and direct contacts. All of this input was utilized by the City-County Planning Department, working together with other departments and agencies, to formulate a draft Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan known as LPlan 2040. LPAC completed their work in June 2011. The draft Plan is now available for public review electronically on the website or in printed format at the City libraries or at the City County Planning Department. The next step is for the Plan to be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and public hearings beginning in August.



Draft Future Land Use Plan for Lancaster County

Please give us your feedback!

Review the full plan online at [lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov](http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov) or in print at your local Lincoln library.

Share your comments:

- On the above website at "Get Involved"
- Email at [plan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:plan@lincoln.ne.gov) or telephone at 402-441-7491
- Send a letter to Planning Dept., Suite 213, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508
- Fill out a comment sheet at your local library or community center
- Testify at a Planning Commission public hearing at the County City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., on:
  - Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm
  - Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> during the regular meeting, which begins at 1 pm
  - Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> during the regular meeting, which begins at 1 pm



# LPlan 2040 Vision and Goals

LPlan 2040 is guided by a series of vision statements and goals that describe the desired future conditions and provide guidance for individual land use decisions and other actions that collectively will help determine the future of Lincoln and Lancaster County. This newsletter summarizes a series of vision statements that can be found in their entirety in the draft Plan.

## Vision

The core promise embedded in LPlan 2040 is to maintain and enhance the health, safety and welfare of our community during times of change, to promote our ideals and values as changes occur, and to meet the needs of today without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.



## Lincoln and Lancaster County: One Community

Lancaster County contains a rich mosaic of households, living in a variety of urban and rural settings. But we share a common bond and work cooperatively to promote future growth that offers new opportunities for living and working while conserving our local environmental and cultural resources for future generations.

## Quality of Life Assets

The community's educational, recreational, environmental and cultural resources, strong neighborhoods and sense of place are all tremendous assets enjoyed by our residents.



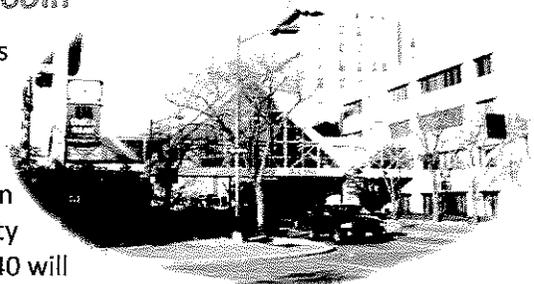
Sustaining and enhancing these resources will continue to be essential for future generations.

## Economic Opportunity

Lincoln and Lancaster County must have a sustainable tax base to provide quality services to residents. LPlan 2040 recognizes that technological change and global economic forces have a direct impact on local employment and quality of life.

## Downtown Lincoln

Downtown Lincoln is the heart of our community, a unique common ground for all Lincoln and Lancaster County residents. LPlan 2040 will ensure that downtown remains a special place.



## Healthy Community

A healthy community is one that continuously creates and improves both its physical and social environments. As we examine the interaction between health and the environment, it's important to consider the effects of housing, urban development, land use, transportation, industry, agriculture and other factors.

## Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

The importance of building sustainable communities - communities that conserve and efficiently utilize our economic, social, and environmental



resources so that the welfare of future generations is not compromised - has long been recognized. LPlan

2040 describes a community that values natural and human resources,

supports advances in technology, and encourages development that improves the health and quality of life of all citizens.

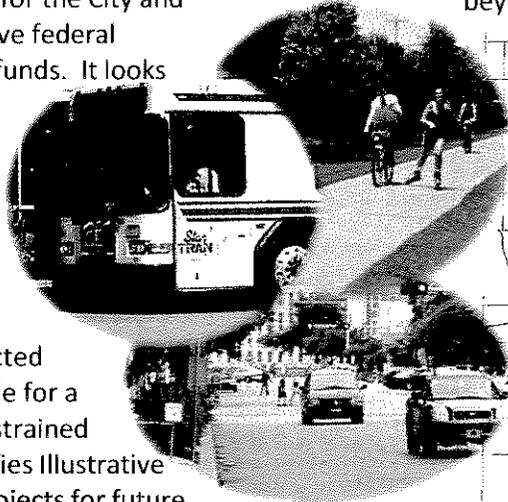
## Interaction between LPlan 2040 and the Citizens

Comprehensive planning is a continuous process, requiring continuing, equitable, and frequent interaction between governments and their constituencies. LPlan 2040 seeks to accommodate and encourage the participation of all citizens of the City and County in the making of public policies to implement the visions of the community.

# What's new?

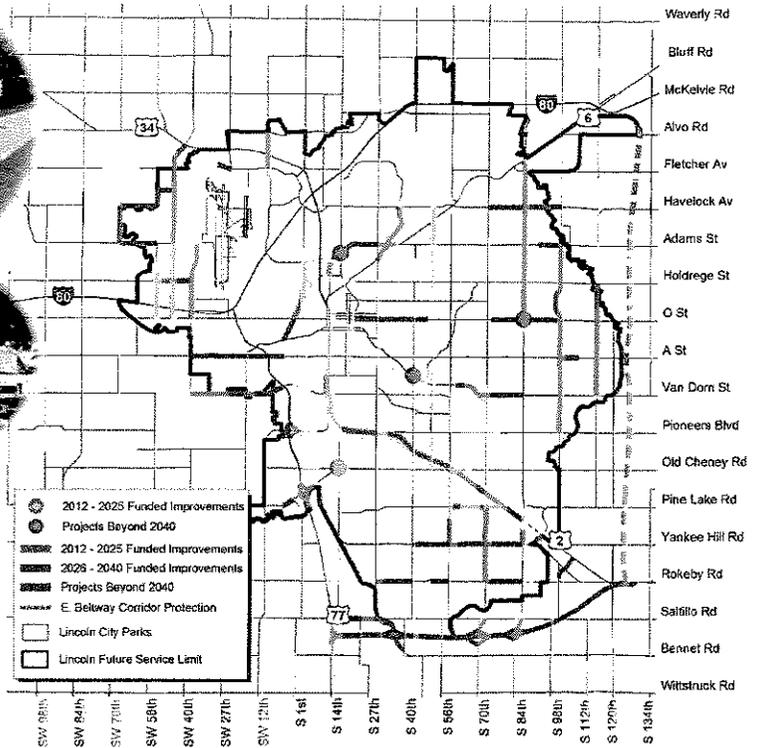
## Long Range Transportation Plan

The transportation component of LPlan 2040 is called the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and is required for the City and County to receive federal transportation funds. It looks at all modes of transportation: walking, bicycling, driving and transit. The Proposed LRTP considers expected funding available for a Financially Constrained Plan and identifies Illustrative or unfunded projects for future Consideration. The LRTP is updated every five years, and it must be adopted by the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a separate agency with representation from the City, County and State. The MPO Officials Committee is expected to review and adopt the LRTP later this year.



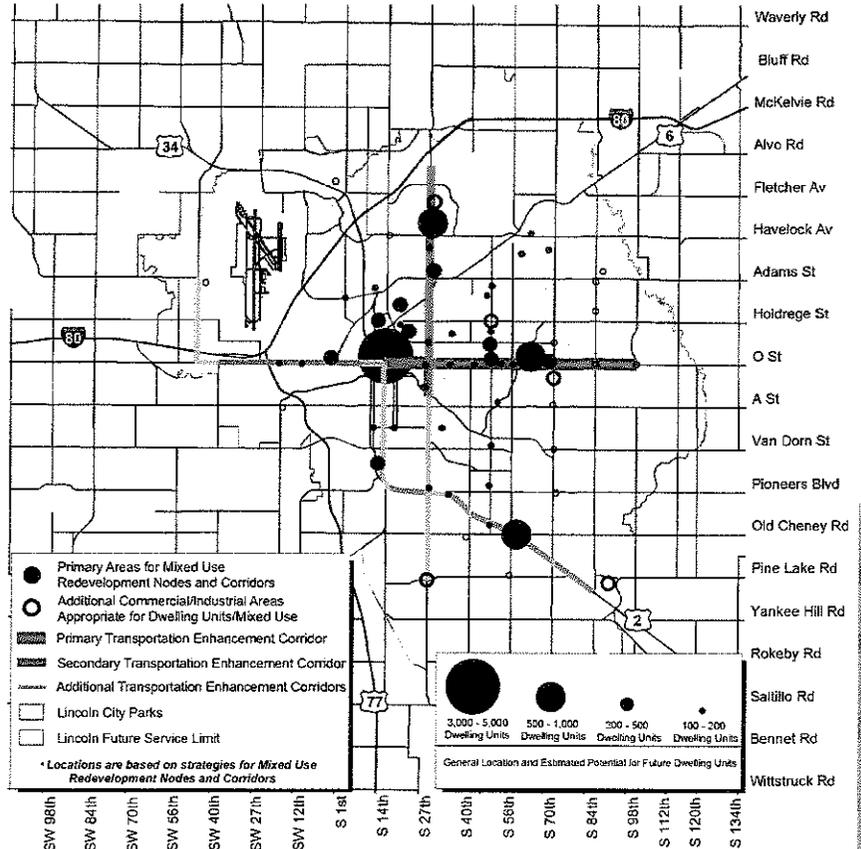
## Streets Needs Based Plan

The Streets Needs Based Plan illustrates the locations for future capital improvements to the year 2040 and beyond. Projects beyond 2040 are not included in the Financially Constrained Plan.



## Mixed Use Redevelopment Nodes and Corridors

LPlan 2040 identifies the potential for 8,000 new dwelling units to be located within the existing built-out portion of the City by 2040. This strategy focuses on Mixed Use Redevelopment Nodes and Corridors shown on the map on this page.

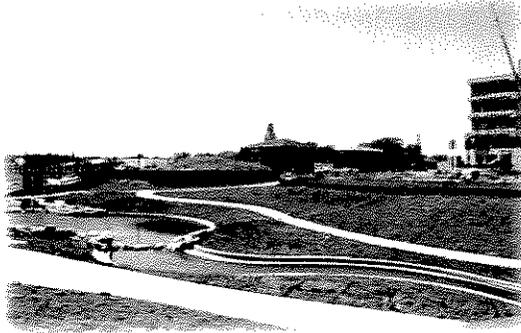


## 2040 and Beyond

LPlan 2040 is a vision for the next 30 years. However, it is also wise to envision our community beyond this point. Lincoln and Lancaster County will continue to grow over the next 50 years and the year 2060 will see a population of well over a half million people. The community in which these people live may be radically different from the one we experience today. Energy, food, and water are just a few of the necessities whose future abundance is not guaranteed. Development decisions made today will affect the choices available in the community of the future.



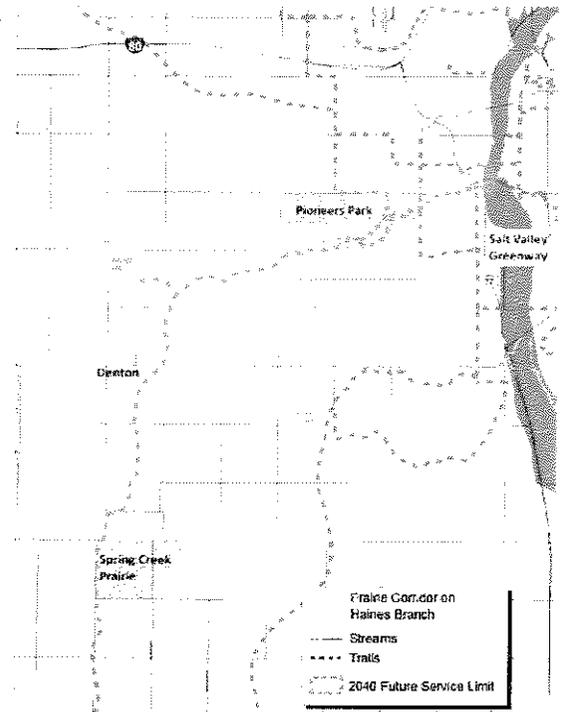
## Placemaking



What makes Lincoln Special? It is worthwhile to plan for, protect, and strengthen this character as the community grows and matures. Placemaking combines urban design and historic preservation as tools for the preservation of Lincoln's character. Key entryways provide indelible first impressions of a community and should be considered as development occurs. Design standards protect private and public investment and contribute positively to the community character. Design standards should also be considered in redevelopment areas as well as for new construction.

## Prairie Corridor on Haines Branch

LPlan 2040 adds a charge to begin the assembly and conservation of land to create the Salt Valley Greenway, and adds new emphasis to the branch extending from Pioneers Park to Audubon Spring Creek Prairie.



## Local Food

LPlan 2040 encourages preservation of agricultural land outside the City and includes new language to encourage small scale production inside the City.



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