

Section III

Public Participation

A. Methodology

The City's last Comprehensive Plan was created in 2008. Due to the enormous changes in recent years in both development and population growth, the 2015—2025 Comprehensive Plan was completely rewritten. Table 9—Comprehensive Plan Community Outreach Events reflects the methodology that started at the beginning of 2014 with the establishment of a Steering Committee and three Focus Groups. The Steering Committee is comprised of two members of Council, two members from the Planning Commission, two citizens and two support staff. The Steering Committee meets to review work and drafts. The Steering Committee guides the planning process by reviewing the work of the Focus Groups, organizing the Plan, prioritizing the implementation strategies and making a recommendation to the Planning Commission for adoption of a Resolution of Approval to send forward to the City Council.

There are three Focus Groups: 1) Land Use, Population and Priority Investment; 2) Economic Development, Housing and Transportation and; 3) Community Facilities, Cultural Resources and Natural Resources. Members of each Group are comprised of citizens, business leaders, civic representatives, City Boards and Commissions, a County planner and City staff. The Focus Groups

consider for each element current conditions and trends, community needs and goals and action strategies. The Focus Groups met regularly in April, May, June and September and it is anticipated that the work of the Groups will be completed in September with final consideration of the 2015-2025 Comprehensive Plan by Council in December.

B. Community Survey

In addition to the community meetings, a community survey was developed and conducted as a part of community outreach. Electronic surveys were available for residents to complete. The community survey is attached as Appendix J. This short survey allowed participants an opportunity to share their ideas on Tega Cay's challenges and its possibilities. The Tega Cay Mayor and Council wanted to engage all residents, business leaders, youth, community partners and stakeholders in the Comprehensive Plan process to plan the future of Tega Cay. The intent of the community survey was to develop a shared vision for the City and prepare a plan that will positively impact the community.

Community residents were encouraged to share ideas for the future of Tega Cay to complete a survey before the end of July. Links to the survey were located on the websites of Tega Cay; Fort Mill High School; and Catawba Regional Council of Governments. Printed surveys were also provided to the community and were available at City Hall through July 31, 2014.

The Community Survey was promoted to residents of the community through many venues that began

with word of mouth through personal emails and communications within neighborhoods and civic groups. Other community outreach such as press releases, interviews and social media are reflected in Table 8. The results of the Community Survey are shown in the Vision Statement component of the Comprehensive Plan and reflected in the nine elements.

Results of the community survey are reflected throughout the plan and in Appendix J, Community Survey. The survey instrument is located in Appendix J and some additional survey results such as length of residency, age range and household size. Many residents who participated in the survey also provided additional written comments. Of the additional comments, traffic and growth were the major topics of concern, with traffic mentioned 44% and growth and the type of growth listed 29% of the topic comments. Other topics mentioned were trails and recreation (15%), code enforcement (11%), and water quality (3%).

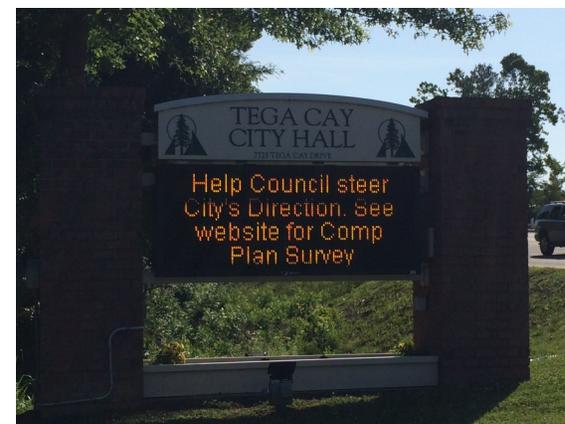


Table 8—Community Survey Outreach

2014 Date	Type of Community Outreach
May 29nd	Community Press Release
June 3rd	WRHI, Radio Interview
June 20th	CN2, Television Interview
July 2nd	Fort Mill Times, Newspaper Interview
Spring	City Facebook Page
Spring	City Community Electronic Sign
Spring/Summer	City, High School and CRCOG Websites
Spring/Summer	City Monthly Newsletter

Table 9—Comprehensive Plan Meeting Schedule

2014 Dates	Organization	Purpose of Meeting
Jan 13th	Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan Update Project—New Business
Feb 13th	City Council & Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan Project Kickoff— <i>Rescheduled due to inclement weather</i>
March 10th	City Council & Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan Project Kickoff
April 15th	Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups	Project Overview & Group Ideas for Plan Elements
May 13th	Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups	Preliminary Vision Statements & Goals
June 11th	Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups	Draft Vision, Planning Goals & Future Land Use Map
June 17th	Steering Committee	Focus Group Reports & Community Survey
August 11th	Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan Project Update
August 26th	Steering Committee	Comprehensive Plan Draft
Sept 8th	Planning Commission	Comprehensive Plan Draft
Sept 23rd	Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups	Comprehensive Plan Draft
Oct 13th	Community Public Meeting	Comprehensive Plan Draft
Oct 13th	Planning Commission	Consider Comments from Public
Nov 3rd	Steering Committee	Review Draft for Public Hearing
Nov 10th	Planning Commission	Adopt Resolution
Nov 17th	City Council and Planning Commission	Joint Public Hearing and First Reading for Adoption
Dec 15th	City Council	Second Reading for Adoption



C. Acknowledgements

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Jennifer Stalford, Mayor Pro Tempore
Dottie Hersey, Councilmember
Ronald T. Kirby, Councilmember
Chris Landvik-Larsen, Councilmember

Tega Cay Planning Commission

Tom Weir, Chairman
Ken Huber, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Church
Douglas C. Burns
Bob Cullen
J. Alejandro Donso
Kathy Masters

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Tom Weir, Planning Commission
Ken Huber, Planning Commission
Jennifer Stalford, City Council
Ron Kirby, City Council
Stephen Perkins, Citizen
Nathan Stalford, Youth Representative
Susan Britt, AICP, City of Tega Cay
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Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups

Land Use, Population and Priority Investment

Ken Huber, Planning Commission
Jerry Church, Planning Commission
Dottie Hersey, City Council
Ron Kirby, City Council
Bob Bartkin, City of Tega Cay
Richard Conway, Wellmore Senior Living
John Dervay, Board of Zoning Appeals
Greg Walden, Board of Zoning Appeals
Steve Allen, York County Planning
Bob Dasch, Citizen
Pam Gibbes-Smith, Citizen
Nick Amico, Citizen
John and Mary Hennessy, Citizens
Chris Gardner, Fort Mill School District
Susan Britt, AICP, City of Tega Cay

Economic Development, Housing and Transportation

Doug Burns, Planning Commission
Kathy Masters, Planning Commission
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Chris Landvik-Larsen, City Council
Jason Flora, York County Economic Development
Joel Wood, York County Economic Development
Mitch Harris, Citizen
Susan Axton, Citizen
Kieran (Dee) Doyle, Citizen
Lori Hillman, Citizen
Alicia Dasch, Citizen
Rob Cynowa, Greater York County Chamber of Commerce
Tom Goebel, City of Tega Cay
Charlie Funderburk, City of Tega Cay
Kara Drane, AICP, Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Community Facilities, Cultural Resources and Natural Resources

Tom Weir, Planning Commission
Bob Cullen, Planning Commission
Jennifer Stalford, City Council
Hope MacBride, Citizen
Rolf & Emily Jaeckli, Citizens
David Hipp, Citizen
Kris Frankforter, Citizen
Mary Stefano, Citizen
Dan Zynda, Citizen
Ben Ullman, Citizen
Todd Baker, Citizen
David Nelson, City of Tega Cay
Scott Szymanski, City of Tega Cay
Joey Blethen, City of Tega Cay
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