

## **Draft Goal 1 [LM] -A Healthy Community:**

Our community will maintain a healthy environment comprised of neighborhoods, activity centers places of employment, and natural areas designed and built to be lively, inclusive, safe, and sustainable.

To maintain a healthy environment our community will protect and improve the quality of its: air, potable water, soils, forests, natural water bodies and waterways while also protecting habitats for native plants and animals. Valuable or irreplaceable natural resources will be conserved. All residents and visitors to our community will have access to vitally important open spaces. To achieve this goal, our community will:

- Identify natural resources that contribute to human well-being.
- Prioritize the preservation of natural areas (including conservation areas, environmentally sensitive features and water resources) when making land use and transportation decisions.
- Provide access and opportunities for active and passive recreation, open spaces, greenways and parks.
- Coordinate with neighboring local governments, and regional, state, and federal agencies to cooperatively manage natural resources extending beyond jurisdictional boundaries.

The planning for healthy neighborhoods, activity centers, places of employment, and natural areas will treat all citizens equitably and provide opportunities for citizen involvement while recognizing the importance of private property rights. Planning and development of a healthy community will address the importance of school siting, community context and access to:

- Employment
- Parks and recreational opportunities
- Transportation options
- Health services and healthy food options
- Schools and educational opportunities

## **Draft Goal 2 [LM] – A Robust Economy:**

Our community will foster a robust economy by enhancing the ability to:

- Increase access to employment opportunities by locating jobs proximate to the homes of people that can provide critical talent in skilled trades.
- Reduce barriers to starting and growing businesses.
- Retain and create new enhanced employment opportunities that emphasize Tallahassee-Leon County's target industries.

Land use and transportation strategies will support a robust economy through:

- Innovation districts and the clustering of mutually beneficial businesses.
- Access to educational and training facilities.
- Connections to roadways, rail, transit, and aviation systems.
- The appropriate location of manufacturing and distribution facilities.

Our community will strive to facilitate the development, attraction, and cultivation of innovative businesses to foster a robust, financially sustainable economy. Associated job creation will help position the economy for sustained, directed growth, raising the quality and standard of living for the citizens of Tallahassee-Leon County.

## **Draft Goal 3 [LM] – Places Where People Want to Live, Work, and Play:**

Our community will maintain and build places where people want to live, work and play to:

- Provide diverse and expanded lifestyle choices.
- Foster economic development in urban areas and identified activity centers.
- Promote efficient and financially feasible development patterns.
- Maintain distinct development patterns between urban, sub-urban, and rural areas.
- Plan for reduction of urban sprawl while focusing on revitalization efforts to mitigate sprawl.
- Reduce infrastructure costs while recognizing the overall importance of resulting financial viability/sustainability.
- Benefit from viable and sustainable growth.
- Protect agricultural and forestry uses.
- Preserve natural resource-based activities, ecosystem functions and services, hazard protections, cultural resources, and scenic landscapes
- Promote development practices to support:
  - Neighborhoods that are diverse in use and population.
  - Communities that are mutually designed for pedestrians, transit, bikes and cars.
  - Places that are designed and built to be inclusive and accessible.
  - Urban areas framed by locally or regionally derived architecture and landscape design that celebrate local history, climate, and ecology.

## **Draft Goal 4 [LM] – Greater Housing Diversity:**

Our community will strive for greater diversity of the housing stock to:

- Expand affordable housing opportunities and options for people with varying income levels.
- Promote housing options that accommodate an increased population supported by transit or on-demand transportation and non-motorized forms of transportation.
- Support the following principles that offer greater flexibility for people in different stages of life and with different abilities:
  - Accessible outdoor spaces and buildings that can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages.
  - Transportation options that provide non-vehicular drivers with rides to and from healthcare facilities.
  - Housing designed or modified to accommodate aging in place.
  - The availability of accessible, affordable, educational and engaging social activities.
  - Places for intergenerational activities where both young and old can learn from one another to honor what each has to offer.
  - Opportunities for the elderly to work for pay, volunteer their skills and be actively engaged in community life.
  - Public spaces that support interaction and the spread of information through a variety of means.
  - Accessible and affordable health and community services.

While working toward greater housing diversity, our community will protect the character of existing, viable residential areas through neighborhood design and building types.

## **Draft Goal 5 [LM] – A Balanced Transportation Network:**

Our community will have a balanced and viable transportation network with location-appropriate options so pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages/abilities can travel safely and conveniently throughout the community.

The transportation network shall:

- Include streets, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, shared use paths, trails, airport facilities, transit, and on-demand options.
- Account for land use context, right-of-way constraints, as well as the short-term and long-term costs of transportation infrastructure.
- Incorporate emerging technologies.
- Provide safe routes to schools and options for the transportation disadvantaged and vulnerable road users.
- Distribute the benefits and burdens of transportation projects equitably.
- Maintain adopted quality of service measures.

Our community will coordinate with neighboring local governments and regional, state, and federal agencies to cooperatively plan and manage a balanced transportation network. This coordination will help maximize funding and development opportunities.