

# Executive Summary

Taylor Comprehensive Plan - 2004

**Taylor is prepared for the future!** As the result of a yearlong process, the Taylor Comprehensive Plan provides fresh and dynamic approaches to the needs of desires of the community. It identifies issues and concerns, and then provides real actions to direct the future of the city. Beginning with a new vision, the Plan seeks to humanize the physical aspects of land use, transportation, and economic development by addressing quality of life issues in housing, and health and human services. Each chapter includes recommended short and long-term actions that will promote a viable, safe and healthy City today and in the future.

This Comprehensive Plan identifies issues, outlines existing conditions, and establishing local governmental policies and strategies. The plan is the definitive source of information regarding existing and future conditions and characteristics of the community. The sections of the plan include

- ✦ Introduction
- ✦ Vision
- ✦ Goals and Objectives
- ✦ Population /Socioeconomic Conditions
- ✦ Land Use
- ✦ Housing
- ✦ Transportation
- ✦ Parks and Open Space Plan (a separate document)
- ✦ Economic Development (a separate plan developed for the Taylor EDC)
- ✦ Central Business District (current conditions)
- ✦ Health and Human Services
- ✦ Implementation

Each chapter provides a solid foundation for future decision-making relating to community growth and development. Those plan elements prepared by others will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan to create one unifying planning document. A thorough understanding of Taylor's past, present, and future was needed to formulate realistic goals, viable objectives, workable policies, and effective action plans. The plan is visionary and yet capable of implementation.

Citizen involvement and debate were essential parts of the planning process. Using a group of diverse citizens as a steering committee provided insight into their perspective on their pride of place and their concerns for its future. By involving these citizens in planning, they have taken ownership in the Plan and support recommended actions to achieve the goals and objectives.

The adopted Comprehensive Plan provides official policies. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide, and should be seen as a flexible document, an analytical tool to evaluate zoning and development decisions. As planning is a continuous process, the completion of the Comprehensive Plan is by no means an end in itself. A comprehensive plan must be constantly scrutinized to ensure that its goals, objectives and recommended actions continue to reflect changing community needs and attitudes. Above all, the Plan must be used – everyday.