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3.1 FUTURE LAND USE

GOAL 1	ALIGN LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITY PLANNING WITH THE FLUM.					
	1.01	Encourage compact, mixed-use, pedestrian friendly development in centers and along corridors as designated by the FLUM. (Related to Community Character - Policy 10)				
	1.01	1.1.1 Review zoning classifications for consistency with the FLUM.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>As part of the major amendment to PlanLafayette the Landuse and Transportation Implementation Guide is being developed. The future landuse map categories align with zoning classifications. Planning staff is doing administrative rezonings monthly to address problems with the zoning.</i>
	1.01	1.1.2 Review proposed transportation improvements (e.g., new roads, road extensions, road widening, transit facilities, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, etc.) for consistency with the FLUM.	DP	Planning	Short	
	1.01	1.1.3 Revise the zoning ordinance to allow and encourage mixed land uses and incentivize pedestrian and transit friendly development.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>LDC and amendments. Urban "A" development types incentivize urban development through reductions in parking, open space and increased density.</i>
	1.01	1.1.4 Revise the zoning ordinance to include design standards for new development that address quality, street frontage, building entrances, utility placement and scale.	DP	Zoning	Long	<i>LDC and amendments. LDC has urban development districts with A and B development types. Downtown Development Code is part of the LDC.</i>
	1.01	1.1.5 Study existing parking availability and need, and consider creating maximum parking standards for new development in mixed-use areas.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>The LDC established parking maximums and required the use of green infrastructure to exceed those maximums. In addition, parking requirements for the "A" development types are reduced by 50%.</i>
	1.01	1.1.6 Implement incentives through the LDC and review processes to encourage and direct development in centers and along corridors.	DP		Long	<i>Incentives are built in to the urban zoning districts by reductions in parking, open space and increased densities.</i>
	1.01	1.1.7 Use the Small Area Plans and Model Nodal Plans as prototypes to illustrate desired land use and design principles for future development.	DP	Planning	Short	
	1.02	Protect and improve residential neighborhood character, including historical and cultural neighborhood resources				
	1.02	1.2.1 Require transitions in building height and landscape setbacks or buffers between higher intensity uses and residential neighborhoods.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Depending on the height, transitional building heights may apply via the bulk plane regulations in the LDC. Buffer requirements in parish. Implementing MN zoning district with smaller scale commercial and residential uses as a buffer between commercial and residential properties.</i>
	1.02	1.2.2 Build capacity for local neighborhood planning through a citizen planner and advocacy program that provides training, examples of best practices, and information about resources available to improve neighborhoods. (Related to Housing and Neighborhood Policy 11)	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Neighborhood Planning Process, Citizen Planning handbooks and Neighborhood Toolkit developed. Planner as Neighborhood Coordinator has been hired as part of planning staff.</i>
	1.02	1.2.3 Develop a neighborhood program that facilitates projects by providing the tools necessary to complete projects / programs.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood Toolkit.</i>
	1.02	1.2.4 Establish a regular capital program allocation devoted to neighborhood projects under the neighborhood program.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood CIP projects.</i>
	1.02	1.2.5 Address vacant lots with a streamlined adjudicated property policy and procedures to protect the historic character of older neighborhoods. (Related to Housing and Neighborhoods Policy 12, Future Land Use Policy 12)	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Established adjudicated property process. Aproximately 150 properties have been disposed of through our program to date. Implemented in the property renovation plan a requirement to protect the historic character of older neighborhoods.</i>
	1.03	Encourage employment and retail centers located throughout the parish, with downtown serving as one of the major centers for concentration of jobs and retail businesses				
	1.03	1.3.1 Work with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) and One Acadiana (1A) to identify undeveloped or vacant sites within future and existing employment centers to be marketed to employers.	DP		Mid	<i>Planning staff has been working closely with LEDA coordinating land use and zoning for industrial/commercial/vacant properties. Continued partnership to attract walkable development to the University Corridor and Four Corners.</i>
	1.03	1.3.2 Develop standards that require all new and rehabbed retail and employment areas to be safe and accessible for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Downtown district enables awnings and galleries. In the urban zoning districts bike racks are required in proportion to the number of parking spaces.</i>

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		1.03	1.3.3	Work with business and property owners to implement streetscape and public amenities in employment and retail areas.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i> <i>University Corridor Plan.</i>
		1.03	1.3.4	Revitalize the "Four Corners" at Cameron and University Streets intersection as an employment and job center.				<i>University Corridor Plan. BUILD funding for project.</i> <i>Administrative Rezoning.</i>
		1.04		Locate jobs near workforce living in the northern and northern central part of the parish near I-10 and better utilize existing infrastructure.				
		1.04	1.4.1	Implement the FLUM and its designation of office, retail, and industrial employment along I-10, I-49, Cameron Street, and downtown.	DP	Zoning/Planning	Mid	<i>Zoning reports on consistency with the FLUM.</i>
		1.04	1.4.2	Improve the appearance of gateways to the city of Lafayette from I-10/I-49 intersection.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i> <i>University Corridor plan and Parish Proud work on University near Lafayette Regional Airport and I-10.</i> <i>CIP funded flags and gateway projects for neighborhood coteries.</i> <i>Administration prioritizes interchanges on I-10.</i>
		1.04	1.4.3	Work with the city of Scott to implement an office/light industrial gateway and corridor along Cameron Street into the city of Lafayette.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		1.05		Protect water resources and improve stormwater management. (Related to Resources Conservation Policy 1)				
		1.05	1.5.1	Develop a regional drainage and green infrastructure plan to reduce flooding through stormwater management improvements and enhanced buffers along waterways.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>PW developing regional retention options and prioritized deferred maintenance of channels plan.</i> <i>Creation of a Drainage Department for greater coordination and accountability.</i>
		1.05	1.5.2	Increase buffer and building setbacks requirements from the Vermilion River and coulees.	DP	Zoning/Dev	Mid	<i>The buffer setback to waterways identified on the drainage plan was increased to 30 ft. in the LDC.</i>
		1.05	1.5.3	Work with the Bayou Vermilion District to build capacity so that BVD can participate in site plan review for development applications that impact the Vermilion River.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Currently, BVD does not have the capacity for this review. Environmental Quality felt they had enough leverage with their MS4 permit to require certain protections for the Vermilion. The buffer setback to waterways identified on the drainage plan was increased to 30 ft. in the LDC.</i>
		1.05	1.5.4	Revise landscape standards to encourage tree preservation over replacement of trees where possible and to include Low Impact Development practices such as curb cuts, rain gardens, bioswales, and native plants in parking lots.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Trees of a certain quality and caliber may offset the planting requirements.</i> <i>In LDC parking lots exceeding maximum under zoning must provide green infrastructure, require perforated curbs around planting areas, parking allowances for preserving dripline of mature trees, and greater emphasis on selection of native trees for landscaping.</i>
		1.05	1.5.5	Continue to protect and improve water quality and the conservation of natural filters such as wetlands and marshes.	PW	EQ	Short	<i>Ongoing MS-4 permit implementation.</i> <i>Change in LDC requiring landscaped areas to be recessed and able to take on stormwater runoff from parking lot.</i> <i>Implementation of Hazard Mitigation Plan projects such as including frequently flooded areas, including wetlands, in flood-control project designs.</i>
		1.05	1.5.6	Encourage use of stormwater management tools including pervious pavers, rain gardens, bioswales, rain barrels, and other green infrastructure approaches to reduce the amount of runoff entering the region's waterways.	PW	EQ	Short	<i>In LDC parking lots exceeding maximum under zoning must provide green infrastructure, require perforated curbs around planting areas, parking allowances for preserving dripline of mature trees, and greater emphasis on selection of native trees for landscaping.</i> <i>Pilot raingarden demonstrations installed in public spaces, eg. City Hall and PW building.; parking lot retro-fit (rain garden demonstration area) is in the planning process.</i>
		1.05	1.5.7	Explore opportunities to promote regional detention planning.	PW	EQ	Long	<i>PW worked with the APC to propose regional detention projects for federal funding. EQ staff works with city-parish engineers to identify opportunities to store stormwater in a way that also promotes water quality initiatives.</i>
		1.05	1.5.8	Build stormwater capacity into capital projects, e.g. roads, to promote multi-purpose projects to more effectively use limited resources.				<i>EQ attends pre-design meetings to explore opportunities for implementation of multi-use stormwater facilities.</i>
		1.06		Improve connectivity by encouraging bike and pedestrian paths that provide a variety of safe options for traveling including walking, biking, transit, and vehicle travel. (Related to Transportation & Mobility Policy 3)				
		1.06	1.6.1	Develop a local "Complete Streets Policy" and design guidelines to apply to all transportation projects, within a range of scales, and that are not inconsistent with Louisiana DOTD policies.	DP		Mid	<i>Complete Streets Policy adopted by Planning Commission and resolution passed by Council.</i> <i>Commitment to sidewalks from PW. Bike planning efforts to expand bike and ped networks.</i>

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		1.06	1.6.2	Create public information materials illustrating the planned multi-use and bicycle trail network and opportunities for recreation and transportation.	DP		Mid	<i>Planning staff working with bike community to develop a network map and a planning map of future bike routes.</i> <i>Directional bike signs through our Wayfinding signage effort.</i>
		1.06	1.6.3	Work with the MPO and the Louisiana DOTD to ensure that bike and pedestrian improvements are consistent with the FLUM and the comprehensive plan.	DP	Dev	Mid	
		1.07		Plan for water and sewer improvements and extensions in areas of planned mixed-use, residential, and employment growth. (Related to Utilities Policy 1)				
		1.07	1.7.1	Extend and increase capacity of water and sewer as needed to areas illustrated by the FLUM.	LUS		Long	<i>Interdepartmental coordination to increase sewer capacity in the downtown area as well as other areas considered for redevelopment.</i>
		1.07	1.7.2	Review all LUS water and sewer extensions for compatibility with fiscally sound annexation principles.	LUS		Short	<i>Interdepartmental coordination to strategically assess annexation applications and to develop a policy to drive administrative annexations.</i>
		1.07	1.7.3	Plan infrastructure improvements to increase the community's Return On Investment (ROI) and minimize long term costs of services.	LUS		Long	
		1.08		Align taxation policy with the provision of hard (i.e. water, sewer, roads, electricity) and soft (i.e., police, library, parks) infrastructure.				
		1.08	1.8.1	Eliminate taxation vs. services abnormalities. Identify the areas where the taxation rates for services are substantially higher or lower than the cost of the current services being provided, and provide a framework for correcting any abnormalities.	OFM		Long	<i>Parks costs have outweighed the city millage for parks. Public Private Partnerships have reduced programing costs.</i> <i>With no parish millage for parks, parish parks have been transferred to parish municipalities.</i>
		1.08	1.8.2	Develop a "Return on Infrastructure Investment Tool" to accurately and comprehensively calculate the expected return on investment to the public on prospective infrastructure investments.	OFM		Mid	
		1.08	1.8.3	Utilize the Return on Infrastructure Investment tool to develop and prioritize the annual CIP, allowing policy makers and public officials to understand both the cost of prospective infrastructure investments, as well as their expected return.	OFM		Mid	
		1.08	1.8.4	Analyze whether current tax assessment policies support or undermine development goals in the comprehensive plan. If warranted, develop a strategy for changing state laws to align with an alternative value assessment approach.	DP	Planning	Long	
		1.09		Coordinate with the Louisiana DOTD to ensure that the I-49 Connector corridor improvements are consistent with established policies, working within the parameters of the I-49 Connector Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan. (Related to Housing & Neighborhoods Policy 10, Transportation & Mobility Policy 8)				
		1.09	1.9.1	Facilitate the continuation of the work of the Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team and update the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan, as necessary, to devise strategies for addressing anticipated impacts of the I-49 Connector such as noise abatement, all types of connectivity, relocation, and design of I-49 Connector and crossings.	DP		Short	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		1.09	1.9.2	Coordinate with community stakeholders, including the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), LEDA, 1A, and other partners, to pursue strategies to increase economic development opportunities in the corridor.	DP		Short	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		1.09	1.9.3	Coordinate with the Louisiana DOTD I-49 to ensure local participation and input in the design of the I-49 Connector facility.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Evangeline Thruway Redevelopment Team (ETRT) ongoing work.</i>
	GOAL 2	CREATE A CLEAR PROCESS FOR LAND USE AND ZONING REVIEW, LAND USE PLANNING, ANNEXATION, AND EXTENSION OF UTILITIES.						
		1.10		Review zoning, subdivision, and site plan applications for consistency with the Lafayette comprehensive plan.				

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		1.10	1.10.1	Develop a set of comprehensive plan consistency standards to guide site plan review for future projects.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>New urban zoning districts encouraged in targeted areas on the FLUM.</i>
		1.10	1.10.2	Expand the Areawide Development Review Committee's process to include review for compliance with the comprehensive plan.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Planning staff is on the ARDC and developing their role in compliance with the plan.</i>
		1.10	1.10.3	Create a clear application process and outcomes for site plan approval and rezoning applications to reduce uncertainties for property owners and the development community.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Increased administrative review and streamlined process. Development Liaison position funding by LEDA.</i>
		1.11		Improve the availability of parcel-based ownership and land use data for neighborhood planning, regional and annexation planning, parks planning, infrastructure planning, and disaster preparedness.				
		1.11	1.11.1	Continue to supplement the Lafayette Parish Assessor's database to develop information about detailed land uses, and develop a feedback system for regular updates and management of the data.	IS&T		Mid	<i>IS&T now have access to the parcels and the CAMA data and has made it available within LCG for end users. The CAMA data includes owner, mailing addresses, property type, assessed values, etc.</i>
		1.11	1.11.2	Add parcel-based land use data, flood zones, parks and trails, evacuation routes, and community resources (e.g., hospitals, libraries, and other public buildings) to the online Lafayette GIS Interactive Map layers site.	IS&T		Mid	<i>Planning staff is working with IS&T to develop an editable web map of a complete inventory of all existing sidewalks in the city of Lafayette and unincorporated parts of the parish. Public land map inventory completed.</i>
		1.11	1.11.3	Integrate the updated parcel-based data with the city's tracking software to monitor and track public complaints, service requests, work orders, and inspections and provide access to improve interdepartmental coordination of projects.	IS&T		Long	<i>IS&T core team has contracted with a new software provider. Goal is to integrate spatial parcels with permitting information.</i>
		1.11	1.11.4	Work with departments on collection of complaint data so that it may be better integrated into software that has mapping capabilities.	IS&T		Mid	<i>Ongoing work through the new Adjudication Bureau to integrate departmental complaints with the intention of have a spatial, database component.</i>
		1.11	1.11.5	Increase interdepartmental coordination and awareness of GIS mapping availability, including right-of-way acquisitions, and consider how to better integrate GIS staff with the Community Development and Planning Department (CDP).	IS&T		Mid	<i>IS&T has created a web app for use in PW for drainage easements. Drainage is finished and now working on road right-of-ways. IS&T core team has contracted with a new software provider. Goal is to integrate spatial parcels with permitting information.</i>
		1.12		Improve process for review and inspection of independent on lot septic systems to reduce potential environmental contamination of water and soil resources. (Related to Natural Resources Policy 1)				
		1.12	1.12.1	Require homeowner inspection of individual septic systems prior to sale or change in use.	LUS		Long	
		1.12	1.12.2	Work with the Department of Health and Hospitals to conduct periodic inspections of individual and community septic systems.	LUS		Mid	<i>EQ, Community Development, and BVD have partnered to address compliance issues with individual septic systems. Sites that would not or could not come into compliance at the request of BVD are contacted by Community Development to determine interest and eligibility in grant funding. Those who are ineligible for remediation through Community Development's programs will be referred to EQ for their compliance procedures.</i>
		1.13		Improve code enforcement of blighted or deteriorated properties that degrade the character of downtown and of surrounding neighborhoods. (Related to Housing & Neighborhoods Policy 3)				
		1.13	1.13.1	Create an expedited process and streamline notice procedure for returning adjudicated properties, which represent a challenge in bringing community's abandoned and dilapidated structures, to commerce.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Established adjudicated property process. Approximately 150 properties have been disposed of through our program to date.</i>
		1.13	1.13.2	Accelerate the successful "Operation Blight Out" program.	DP	Codes	Short	<i>Code enforcement to be accelerated with the creation of the Adjudication Bureau. Allows for fining of properties that do not meet LCG codes and property standards. Expanding reach to departments external to D&P.</i>
		1.13	1.13.3	Create incentives to encourage renovation and upkeep of buildings.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. EDD's and Opportunity Zones provide incentives for targeted development.</i>

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		1.13	1.13.4 Utilize neighborhood planning groups to help identify, prioritize, and implement redevelopment within neighborhoods.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Ongoing cooperation with neighborhood coteries. Established two new coteries, Oasis and Quiet Town. Planner as Neighborhood Coordinator has been hired as part of planning staff.</i>
	GOAL 3	STRENGTHEN LOCAL PLANNING, REGIONAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION WITH SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES.					
		1.14	Develop a clear annexation planning policy/agreement that is based on the need and benefit of expanding the tax base and efficient delivery of services that can be adopted by all political jurisdictions in Lafayette Parish.				
		1.14	1.14.1 Develop a set of financially sustainable annexation principles (e.g., prioritize annexation of land within city boundaries, areas that are economically and efficiently served by existing services, areas with citizen petitions for annexation) to guide planning and annexation to the city of Lafayette.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Coordination between planning and LUS regarding developing an annexation policy.</i>
		1.14	1.14.2 Coordinate and establish agreements among all municipalities in Lafayette Parish concerning future "areas of influence," planning together for future annexation strategies.	DP	Zoning	Long	
		1.15	Continue to limit extensions of water and sewer service beyond city of Lafayette boundaries, other than as represented by the FLUM and planned annexation areas, to efficiently use resources and reduce overall infrastructure costs. (Related to Utilities Policy 1)				
		1.15	1.15.1 Facilitate coordinated joint review of water and sewer service extensions in context of the FLUM and annexation planning with LCG departments, including LUS staff.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Land Use and Transportation Implementation Guide being developed to contextualize roads with land use.</i>
		1.15	1.15.2 Continue to study estimated costs associated with water and sewer extensions to service planned mixed use centers and redevelopment areas.	LUS		Short	<i>LUS studying increasing sewer capacity for downtown and other targeted redevelopment areas, and the servicing of the old federal courthouse.</i>
		1.16	Strengthen multi-municipal planning and coordination through the MPO, LPSS, and emergency service providers, including land use planning, coordination of parks, transportation improvements, schools, community buildings, and provision of police, fire, and EMS services.				
		1.16	1.16.1 Create a regular coordination process to share and update the MPO and regional service providers on planning projects and monitoring and tracking of comprehensive plan actions.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		1.16	1.16.2 Monitor short and long-range planning efforts of LPSS, emergency service providers, and other parish entities that impact land use and provision of services.	DP	Planning	Short	
		1.17	Coordinate annual budgeting, the CIP, and new applications for funding sources to ensure funding is appropriated in accordance with the comprehensive plan.				
		1.17	1.17.1 Integrate the budgeting and capital improvement plan with the comprehensive plan by creating a system for ensuring proposed capital improvements are consistent with the plan.	DP		Mid	<i>Ongoing conversations with budgeting and timing for both Planning Commission review of the CIP and plan justification in the budget.</i>
		1.17	1.17.2 Seek out grants and technical assistance programs to help implement the recommendations of the comprehensive plan and the FLUM.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Ongoing. Development of the University Ave Corridor with award of BUILD Grant. ECI Planning funded with a TIGER Grant for neighborhoods impacted by I-49 Connector.</i>
		1.17	1.17.3 Coordinate departmental grant writing efforts and expand the current efforts of Community Development and Planning Department staff grant writers to include all areas of the plan, including community and economic development assistance and natural resource conservation.	CD		Mid	<i>Development and Planning Department merging with Community Development Department to more align grant applications with planning initiatives in the Community Development and Planning Department. CD-Housing & Federal Programs staff provides grant-writing, research and management assistance to LCG departments upon request. Housing & Federal Programs continues to manage Federal drainage grants received through the State and Federal governments. CD assisted PW with drainage grants in response to the August 2016 flood.</i>

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3.2 COMMUNITY CHARACTER							
	GOAL 1	PRESERVE AND CAPITALIZE ON LAFAYETTE'S UNIQUE CHARACTER.					
		2.01	Protect and preserve historic and cultural resources and maintain historic character – especially in downtown and surrounding areas - while promoting reinvestment that is complementary to community character. (Related to Historic and Cultural Resources Policy 1)				
		2.01	2.1.1 Identify and create incentives for adaptive reuse of buildings that are in need of redevelopment, including, but not limited to grants, tax incentives, fee waivers, revolving loans, expedited permitting, and flexible land use and building regulations.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. Neighborhood Designations facilitated by the Preservation Commission.</i>
		2.01	2.1.2 Develop regulations that discourage the fragmentation of the historic urban framework such as the closure of streets and demolition of buildings with historical and/or cultural value.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>LDC increased local designation cultural, landmark and neighborhoods. Planning staff working with a consultant to develop historic protections for the Elmhurst Park neighborhood.</i>
		2.01	2.1.3 Create special development review processes for sensitive areas, including the Bayou Vermilion District, areas adjacent to wetlands, and within the 100 year floodplain to ensure complementary development near culturally and/or environmentally sensitive areas.	DP	Dev	Long	
		2.2	Promote downtown, UL, and surrounding neighborhoods as the historic and cultural epicenter of the Lafayette community as described in the Downtown Action Plan (see Appendix B).				
		2.02	2.2.1 Support the Downtown Development Authority and its information, marketing, and special events promotion activities.	DP		Short	<i>Increased coordination between planning staff and DDA, eg. parklet info., outdoor dining, conditional use permits for bars.</i>
		2.02	2.2.2 Develop an activity plan for residents and visitors downtown in order to take full advantage of downtown culture and amenities.	DDA		Mid	
		2.02	2.2.3 Establish a stronger pedestrian and transit connection between UL, downtown, and surrounding neighborhoods.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals. Funding requested for Johnston St intersection improvements. Restriping of Congress St and requested funding for permanent improvements connecting downtown to LaPlace Neighborhood. Transit planning, including establishment and marking of bicycle trails on Souvenir Gate and Orange St, connecting Cajun Field, Saint Streets, Downtown, Pontiac Point, McComb Veazey and Heymann Park.</i>
		2.02	2.2.4 Integrate planning efforts of downtown, UL, and the Oil Center recognizing that they define the core of Lafayette.	DP		Mid	<i>Increased coordination between Planning staff and DDA. Administratively rezoned Oil Center as recommended in the Oil Center Redevelopment Plan.</i>
		2.02	2.2.5 Support UL initiatives to provide on campus housing, bike and pedestrian routes and structured parking to relieve pressure on surrounding neighborhoods.	DP		Short	
		2.03	Protect the character of rural areas and the viability of agricultural uses.				
		2.03	2.3.1 Create incentives for planned centers of development that preserves rural and agricultural lands with special emphasis on the conservation of farmland, wetlands or water bodies, floodplains, historic sites, scenic viewsheds (an area of particular scenic or historic value), important woodlands, wildlife corridors, and recreation areas.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>LDC Agricultural zoning and conservation development option.</i>
		2.03	2.3.2 Consider an agricultural land program that encourages farmland preservation through conservation easements, and minimum lot sizes for residential development on land classified as agricultural by the parish tax assessor.	DP	Planning	Mid	
	GOAL 2	PROJECT AN ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY IMAGE.					

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		2.04	Incorporate an aesthetic into the built environment that exemplifies Lafayette's regional character, history, and culture.				
		2.04	2.4.1 Use the Future Land Use categories to establish design guidelines that reinforce existing and/or desirable characteristics.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>New urban zoning districts represent FLUM categories.</i>
		2.04	2.4.2 Create a parish wide strategy to integrate coulees and floodways into the built environment through access easements, increased connectivity, opportunities for walking and biking, and improved landscape treatment with the goal of increasing recreational opportunities, improving community and environmental health, and creating a green infrastructure network. (Related to Resource Conservation Policy 1)	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Public land mapping and data collection for planning purposes.</i>
		2.05	Integrate streetscape and pedestrian amenities into transportation corridors and streets to provide a distinct character and image and serve to better connect our neighborhoods. (Related to Transportation & Mobility Policy 3).				
		2.05	2.5.1 Prioritize the mixed-use corridors illustrated on the Future Land Use Map (e.g., Johnston Street, University Avenue) for complete streets improvements and coordinated streetscape improvements.	PW		Short	<i>The Lafayette Transportation Plan considered corridors. Ongoing work on DOTD's Johnston St, Pilot/University/Congress St.</i>
		2.06	Integrate architectural and landscape features and/or public art such that they serve as gateways to important districts and enhance the overall community aesthetic.				
		2.06	2.6.1 Identify strategic locations for the integration of public art, historical markers, and gateway features into public projects and establish a dedicated funding mechanism for implementation.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals. Heritage sign development and installation.</i>
		2.06	2.6.2 Evaluate feasibility of designating neighborhood arts and cultural corridors or gateways, with associated streetscape elements, in targeted mixed-use areas.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		2.06	2.6.3 Prioritize the identification of University/I-10 Gateway and corridor as the entrance to the University Corridor, UL and the heart of the city, downtown.				<i>University Corridor Plan.</i>
		2.07	Work to ensure that Lafayette is a community that is aesthetically beautiful, uncluttered by litter, illegal signage, unkempt landscaping, etc.				
		2.07	2.7.1 Expand the signage ordinance to include the unincorporated parts of the parish.	DP	Codes	Short	
		2.07	2.7.2 Create a public awareness campaign to educate businesses and the general public about right-of-way signage restrictions.	DP	Codes	Mid	
		2.07	2.7.3 Encourage the public to report sign violations through the tracking software program.	DP	Codes	Short	
		2.07	2.7.4 Evaluate current staff capacity to enforce the sign ordinance, and other aesthetically related ordinances, and propose alternatives to assist with the enforcement.	DP	Codes	Mid	<i>Code Division restructured. Adjudication Bureau established.</i>
		2.07	2.7.5 Coordinate with other agencies (e.g. UL, the business community) to advance efforts to strengthen sign regulations and support roadside beautification efforts.	DP	Codes	Mid	
		2.07	2.7.6 Coordinate with Public Works and the DOTD to work toward a more sustainable planting to reduce costs of maintenance and to increase aesthetics in roadway right-of-ways.	DP	Codes	Mid	<i>Pilot projects including native plants at City Hall.</i>
	GOAL 3	STRENGTHEN THE CHARACTER OF DOWNTOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS AND NEIGHBORHOODS.					
		2.08	Implement the Downtown Action Plan (see Appendix B) as part of the comprehensive plan.				

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		2.08	2.8.1 Create a district-based structure for downtown Lafayette that will reinforce the downtown's diversity and accommodate community recommendations related to use, scale, intensity and character.	DDA		Long	
		2.08	2.8.2 Implement the actions of the Downtown plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Downtown Character Program that emphasizes the importance of downtown's convenience, vibrancy, and building height to street relationship. • Develop a Public Space Initiative to improve the quality of downtown streets and maintain, improve, and expand upon parks, squares, and plazas. • Work with the Development and Design Center to implement the Downtown Action Plan, facilitate promotion and coordination of downtown development, and provide conceptual design services. • Improve parking infrastructure and management downtown through technology and a parking management plan. • Develop a Return on Infrastructure Investment Analysis Tool that measures the cost of services and infrastructure investments, as well as expected revenue generated by investments. 	DDA		Long	<i>LDC Downtown District.</i> <i>Parking modernizations implemented including credit card parking meters. Working with stakeholders to revamp parking and pricing plan, rolling out ParkMobile app .</i> <i>Established Downtown Management Committee to implement and manage permit requirements for:</i> <i>Outdoor Dining</i> <i>Parklets</i> <i>Pushcarts</i> <i>Outdoor Merchandise Display</i> <i>Renovating Buchanan St parking garage, repairing elevators at Vermilion St garage.</i>
		2.09	Promote the redevelopment and associated improvements within the Oil Center.				
		2.09	2.9.1 Review and update as necessary the Re-envisioning the Oil Center Community Design Workshop findings as a basis for the creation of land use regulations and design standards that address the uniqueness of the Oil Center and are consistent with the comprehensive plan.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Planning Commission endorsed the Oil Center Redevelopment Plan.</i> <i>Ongoing coordination with Oschner Health Center.</i> <i>Administrative rezoning of the Oil Center.</i>
		2.09	2.9.2 Consider strategies for funding infrastructure improvements to the Oil Center through a dedicated funding source.	DP		Long	
		2.10	Support the implementation of the UL Master Plan and its Guiding Principles.				
		2.10	2.10.1 Adopt appropriate land use controls to help transition from the campus edges to surrounding neighborhoods.	DP	Zoning	Mid	
		2.10	2.10.2 Strengthen physical connections along key corridors including along Congress and St. Landry, and along Johnston Street – from the Park at the Horse Farm to downtown.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Congress St. restripe project and funding request for engineering for streetscape construction.</i> <i>Johnston St. intersection improvements Evangeline Corridor Initiative funding request.</i>
	GOAL 4	DIRECT GROWTH TOWARD MIXED-USE CENTERS AND MAJOR CORRIDORS.					
		2.11	Encourage compact development/redevelopment within existing activity centers and along corridors that includes a mix of uses supportive of vibrant daily activity patterns. (Related to Future Land Use Policy 1)				
		2.11	2.11.1 Create land use regulations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the incorporation of a gridded system of walkable streets and a high degree of connectivity to surrounding areas; • Allow flexibility in how buildings are used by simplifying the process to adapt from one use to another recognizing building code requirements; and • Encourage bicycling and walking connections between neighborhoods and retail areas. 	DP	Codes	Long	<i>In LDC, connectivity ratio applied to all new subdivisions.</i>
		2.12	Ensure that new development does not detract from the unique qualities of existing places and neighborhoods and where needed, enhances that character while engaging with those places and neighborhoods to promote connectivity. (Related to Transportation & Mobility Policy 5)				
		2.12	2.12.1 Provide publicly accessible open space such as plazas, parklets, and pop-up installations to augment the park inventory for surrounding neighborhoods.	P&R		Long	<i>Ongoing development of an ECI catalyst project including the McComb Veazey pocket park and Clifton Chenier Plaza.</i>

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		2.12	2.12.2 Enhance neighborhood entrances and gateways to neighborhoods through provisions such as improved streetscapes, enhanced landscape and lighting, and context specific signage.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i> <i>CIP flags and gateway projects for neighborhood coteries.</i> <i>Cypress/Jefferson Gateway.</i>
	GOAL 5	ESTABLISH LAFAYETTE AS A SMART CITY.					
		2.13	Cultivate Lafayette's standing as a smart city by deploying best practices in technology, communications, transparency, and efficient use of resources.				
		2.13	2.13.1 Explore opportunities to use social media and digital technologies to initiate citizen-led public engagement activities.	Admin			<i>Fully staffed Communications team housed in the Mayor-President's office.</i>
		2.13	2.13.2 Through the development of performance measures look to developing baseline data to monitor and measure success.	DP			<i>Dashboard developed for public information regarding PW flooding mitigation projects.</i>
		2.13	2.13.3 Develop community solutions and increase citizen engagement by providing open data resources to residents and stakeholders.	Admin			<i>Implemented a dash board for drainage projects.</i> <i>KPMG consultant Administration's contract to increase efficiencies and promote open data.</i>

3.3 HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS

	GOAL 1	ENCOURAGE A DIVERSE RANGE OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES.					
		3.01	Encourage a variety of housing types at varying densities within residential areas.				
		3.01	3.1.1 Provide improvements to public infrastructure – including water, sewer, and fiber availability – to service multifamily or attached housing units.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS continues to evaluate infrastructure improvements for multi-family housing units. Fiber is done specifically on a case-by-case basis, and the other utilities are incorporated in O&M and capital plans.</i>
		3.01	3.1.2 Provide incentives to encourage mixed-use and multifamily housing in targeted growth areas.	DP		Long	<i>Development of the Federal Courthouse and Bottle Art Lofts.</i>
		3.01	3.1.3 Collaborate with UL to plan and implement the development of student housing that is compatible with the character of neighborhoods surrounding downtown Lafayette.	DP	Planning	Long	
		3.01	3.1.4 Revise land use regulations and policies to promote compatible housing diversity in residential neighborhoods (i.e., allow for accessory apartments for aging family members or single households, on single family properties).	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>The new urban zoning districts allow more mixes of housing choice and uses.</i>
		3.01	3.1.5 Use amenities such as improved sidewalk connections and public transit options to attract and encourage higher density housing in centers and along corridors.	DP		Long	<i>Parking reductions in the LDC for developments near a bus stop.</i> <i>Prioritizing sidewalk and bike grant proposals with defined criteria.</i>
		3.02	Increase opportunities for mixed-use housing development and live work units downtown and in mixed-use centers.				
		3.02	3.2.1 Foster public-private partnerships between the Downtown Development Authority, LEDA, and others (e.g., Acadiana Center for the Arts) to encourage new types of housing in downtown Lafayette.	DP		Short	
		3.02	3.2.2 Revise zoning to allow live-work units, accessory units, and senior living units in mixed-use centers.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>The new urban zoning districts allow more mixes of housing choice, density and uses.</i> <i>Live work recognized in the LDC. Accessory apartment size increased.</i>
		3.02	3.2.3 Study parking needs and encourage shared parking agreements to reduce onsite parking needs, as well as parking that is sensitive to the context and surrounding uses.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Shared parking agreements are allowed.</i>
		3.02	3.2.4 Leverage historic and low income housing tax credits to rehab existing buildings into multifamily housing.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Ongoing public communications with Preservation Planner regarding historic tax credits and the designation of four Cultural Districts in Lafayette.</i>

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		3.02	3.2.5	Continue developing marketing efforts to brand downtown living, including variety in housing options, arts and cultural amenities, walkability, restaurants, music venues, and retail.	DDA		Short	<i>Construction of three downtown residential projects.</i>
		3.02	3.2.6	Encourage adaptive reuse of buildings for housing.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. Neighborhood and Cultural Designations pursued to allow for tax credits, facilitated by the Planning and Preservation Commissions.</i>
	GOAL 2	PROMOTE QUALITY HOUSING AND ENCOURAGE THE REHABILITATION AND/OR REUSE OF DECLINING HOUSING STOCKS.						
		3.03		Improve housing in blighted condition and encourage residents to maintain and improve their homes.				
		3.03	3.3.1	Provide housing improvement incentives for the rehabilitation and repair of housing.	CD		Mid	<i>CD-Housing & Federal Programs continues to implement its Housing Rehabilitation Program and provide funding to local non-profits who develop affordable housing. Housing & Federal Programs also has enhanced its Minor Rehabilitation Program by expanding the repair services offered.</i>
		3.03	3.3.2	Implement a volunteer housing rehabilitation coordination committee working with nonprofits, where the parish can designate a member of its team to serve to coordinate volunteer housing rehabilitation and building efforts in low income communities with the investment of in kind resources from charitable and related groups.	CD		Mid	<i>CD-Housing & Federal Programs staff has actively participated with the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) regularly since the August 2016 flood event.</i>
		3.03	3.3.3	Support the Keep Lafayette Beautiful Committee and encourage programs that recognize and reward well groomed and attractive properties.	Admin		Short	<i>Keep Lafayette Beautiful's efforts have been enhanced by close coordination with EQ.</i>
		3.03	3.3.4	Strengthen neighborhood associations to increase accountability among stakeholders in the neighborhoods and encourage neighbors helping neighbors.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Neighborhood coteries. Planner, Neighborhood Coordinator hired as part of planning staff.</i>
		3.03	3.3.5	Create an "Adopt-a-Lot" program to aid in litter abatement.	PW		Mid	<i>Embrace-A-Space program managed by EQ.</i>
		3.03	3.3.6	Consider types of tax incentives for reuse of declining property.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. Historic and Cultural designations pursued to allow for tax credits, facilitated by the Preservation and Planning Commissions.</i>
		3.04		Improve the condition and level of maintenance of the current inventory of housing units in the parish.				
		3.04	3.4.1	Create a Housing Condition Inspections program to conduct a condition survey of housing stock to gather data on housing unit conditions, degree of blight, and abandoned homes.	DP	Codes	Long	<i>McComb Veazey Coterie has done a housing assessment in their neighborhood.</i>
		3.04	3.4.2	Create a rental housing inspection program to ensure that rental housing is safe and habitable.	DP	Codes	Long	
		3.05		Provide opportunities for residents to build stability and wealth by investing in their own real estate in order to ensure maintenance of properties.				
		3.05	3.5.1	Partner with community-based organizations to implement a tool loan program that would lend tools to neighborhood residents for property improvements.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		3.05	3.5.2	Use New Market Tax Credits (NMTCs) to incentivize investment in lower-income communities.	CD		Mid	<i>Housing & Federal Programs provides financial and technical assistance to Lafayette Neighborhoods' Economic Development Corporation (LNEDEC) for the provision of low interest loans to small business for the creation and/or retention of jobs for low income residents. Census tracts inclusion in LA's opportunity zone allocation.</i>

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		3.05	3.5.3 Consider a low-cost loan or tax credit program that would encourage homeowners to invest in exterior home improvements.	CD		Mid	<i>CD has expanded its Minor Rehab program to include installation of handicap accessibility ramps as well as interior rehab to accessibility needs. CD has also implemented a single-system roof repair program.</i>
	GOAL 3	DEVELOP AND FACILITATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.					
		3.06	Continue to maximize and manage state and federal housing dollars through the LHA and the Community Development and Planning Department to ensure decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing.				
		3.06	3.6.1 Collaborate with affordable housing providers in the community to increase access to affordable rental and for sale units.	CD		Mid	<i>The CD staff are members of Acadiana Housing Alliance, which focuses on local area housing needs and priorities.</i>
		3.06	3.6.2 Encourage development of mixed income housing (market rate and affordable units) development.	CD		Short	<i>Provided funding and continued administering the construction of Pinhook Pocket Neighborhood (McComb-Veazey) with Habitat for Humanity (consisting of construction of eight (8) new houses). Completed construction of Maison de la Paix affordable rental housing, and began construction of an additional phase.</i>
		3.06	3.6.3 Track and coordinate funding applications and awards through the LHA and Community Development and Planning Department.	CD		Short	<i>CD tracks and administers all grant funding application and awards, including external agency funding.</i> <i>CD staff are members and active participants in the National Community Development Association to remain up-to-date on issues affecting housing and federal funding of affordable housing.</i>
		3.07	Work with lenders to leverage funds and ensure the availability of mortgage products for lower income buyers.				
		3.07	3.7.1 Promote programs— such as Second Loan Home Purchase Programs for assisting low and moderate income working families’ movement from renting to homeownership.	CD		Short	<i>CD offers loans and grants to qualified first-time homebuyers through the Housing Loan Program which is funded by a revolving CDBG loan fund and additional HOME funds.</i>
		3.07	3.7.2 Develop new programs and enhance affordable housing options for low income families.	CD		Long	<i>Housing & Federal Programs continues to manage the provision of affordable housing through the use of CDBG and HOME funds and working with local non-profit organizations.</i>
		3.08	Develop new programs and enhance affordable housing options for low income families.				
		3.08	3.8.1 Review and evaluate training and educational programs for low and moderate income first time buyers to ensure successful transition and maintenance of home ownership.	CD		Mid	<i>Housing counselors are HUD-certified to provide one-on-one counseling and workshops on successful homeownership and home maintenance. Counselors collect data from exit interviews and evaluations.</i>
		3.08	3.8.2 Assist the private sector in developing affordable and workforce housing through the provision of incentives such as infrastructure upgrades, expedited permitting, fee waivers, parking reductions, additional density or intensity, special design considerations, etc.	DP		Long	
		3.08	3.8.3 Work with community development corporations and local and regional nonprofit groups to help provide affordable housing units.	CD		Mid	<i>CD-Housing & Federal Programs staff continues to provide CDBG and HOME funds to local non-profit groups for the provision of affordable housing.</i>
		3.08	3.8.4 Promote the preservation of existing housing stock, particularly of historical and cultural value, by seeking funds and developing new programs to assist qualified families to rehabilitate existing housing units.	CD		Long	<i>CD-Housing & Federal Programs provides CDBG and HOME assistance to income-eligible homeowners for the rehabilitation of their homes through the Housing Rehabilitation Program and through the funding of non-profits who rehabilitate homes for low- and moderate-income families.</i> <i>CD Housing Rehabilitation Program is conducting a trial lead abatement program.</i> <i>Establishment of historic and cultural districts opens opportunities for tax-credits for rehabilitation of historic properties.</i>
		3.09	Continue to work with homeless prevention organizations and concerned public agencies to find shelter for homeless families and individuals.				
		3.09	3.9.1 Develop public private partnerships with local homeless prevention organizations and shelters to assist in the development of transitional or short term housing for homeless families.	CD		Mid	<i>Housing & Federal Programs participates with the Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (ARCH).</i> <i>CD staff applies for and manages Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds received through the state and provided to local homeless service providers.</i> <i>Through CDBG and HOME funds, LCG has partnered with local service providers to renovate buildings that will be utilized as short-term housing.</i>

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		3.09	3.9.2 Monitor and assist homeless population and population vulnerable to becoming homeless through surveys, outreach, and counseling.	CD		Long	<i>Housing & Federal Programs staff participates in the Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (ARCH). CD has plans to work more closely with ARCH to assist with outreach and counseling.</i> <i>CD staff are core-team members of Acadiana Housing Alliance and the National Low Income Housing Coalition.</i>
	GOAL 4	PROTECT AND REVITALIZE NEIGHBORHOODS AND ASSETS.					
		3.10	Create a comprehensive strategy to address the impacts on neighborhoods and housing associated with potential future I-49 Connector changes. (Related to Future Land Use Policy 7, Transportation & Mobility Policy 8)				
		3.10	3.10.1 Review, revise where necessary, and implement the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan to protect housing that is occupied and in good condition, build new housing for displaced units as necessary, and improve pedestrian and bicycle crossings and design of the I-49 Connector.	DP		Long	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		3.11	Strategically target the neighborhood planning program to provide support and guidance on best practices in growth areas and low socioeconomic neighborhoods. (Related to Future Land Use Policy 2)				
		3.11	3.11.1 Dedicate fiscal and staff resources for neighborhood planning in key growth areas.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood Planning Process, Citizen Planning handbooks and Neighborhood Toolkit developed to expand neighborhood planning services.</i> <i>Planner, Neighborhood Coordinator, hired as part of planning staff.</i>
		3.11	3.11.2 Identify funding opportunities through grants and public private partnerships with local businesses.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood coteries.</i> <i>DDA's Creativity Everywhere Grant.</i>
		3.11	3.11.3 Implement a citizen planner program to build capacity for neighborhood planning and community building. (Related to Future Land Use Policy 2)	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood Toolkit DIY.</i> <i>Citizen Planning Handbook.</i>
		3.12	Identify strategies to encourage redevelopment and prevent and mitigate blighting influences such as foreclosures, adjudicated occupied housing, and vacant properties in neighborhoods.				
		3.12	3.12.1 With the support of LEDA, 1A, and other interested parties, start a Redevelopment Authority with the ability to acquire vacant property, provide a land bank, assist with assembly of land suitable for development, and partner with the private sector.	DP		Long	<i>North Lafayette Redevelopment Authority has been reactivated. Funding sources pending.</i>
		3.12	3.12.2 Develop a program, such as the "Lot Next Door" or homesteading, to provide assistance to homeowners in the purchase of a blighted or abandoned property immediately adjacent to their home through the new Redevelopment Authority.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Established adjudicated property process. Aproximately 150 properties have been disposed of through our program to date. State law enables and we have adopted an ordinance for adjacent adjoining landowners to acquire adjudicated properties with only the fees associated with their legal costs.</i>
		3.12	3.12.3 Encourage the development of a community land trust (neighborhood nonprofit) to develop affordable and mixed income housing, community gardens/farms, arts and cultural uses, and other neighborhood services through partnership with the Redevelopment Authority.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>LPTFA continues development of affordable housing and community assets.</i> <i>Five Economic Development Districts (EDD's) created for targeted development in underserved areas.</i> <i>Designated Cultural Districts support neighborhood arts and community development.</i>
		3.12	3.12.4 Promote the utilization of vacant sites as public parks or community gardens or public art installations to reduce undesirable impacts of vacancy and provide a neighborhood asset. Funding can be acquired through state and federal grants, with other community partners, or through crowdsourcing.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Art Box program.</i> <i>Neighborhood DIY Toolkit.</i> <i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		3.12	3.12.5 Continue to expedite the demolition of condemned structures.	CD		Short	<i>Housing & Federal Programs continues to provide demolition assistance to income-eligible property owners for the demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures located within the jurisdiction.</i> <i>Operation Blight Out.</i>

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		3.12	3.12.6 Work with property owners and the police departments to encourage Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in design of streetscape and lighting, parks, building entrances, and landscaping on private property to eliminate problem spots for vandalism and other crimes.	CD		Mid	
		3.13	Create infill and housing redevelopment strategies that complement and enhance the character of existing neighborhoods.				
		3.13	3.13.1 Establish regulatory and design guidelines for infill/redevelopment housing developments that ensure compatibility with surrounding properties.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>LDC includes expanded urban zoning district options and standards for twenty five foot single family lots.</i>
		3.14	Identify and assess the infrastructure needs of older neighborhoods and provide for improvements needed to ensure their sustainability.				
		3.14	3.14.1 Support existing neighborhood planning efforts to identify and implement strategies for quality housing and infrastructure upgrades within neighborhoods.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood plans identify deficiencies. Planner, Neighborhood Coordinator, hired as part of planning staff.</i>
		3.14	3.14.2 Consider establishing an LCG fund dedicated to upgrading infrastructure to meet environmental regulations to improve drainage capacity, considering green infrastructure, and improve water pressure in neighborhoods.	DP		Mid	<i>Rededication of property tax for deferred maintenance on prioritized channels. Creation of a Drainage Department for greater coordination and accountability.</i>
		3.14	3.14.3 Encourage neighborhoods to apply for state and federal historic registries to qualify for historic tax credits for home improvements.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. Historic and Cultural Designations pursued to allow for tax credits, facilitated by the Preservation and Planning Commissions.</i>
		3.14	3.14.4 Adopt conservation and improvement programs to increase the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods.	DP	Planning	Long	
		3.15	Ensure that new housing and infrastructure is developed in a quality manner that reduces future costs associated with associated with operations, maintenance, and redevelopment. operations, maintenance, and redevelopment.				
		3.15	3.15.1 Establish and enforce minimum quality standards for residential and neighborhood development throughout the parish.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Establishment of the Adjudication Bureau.</i>
		3.15	3.15.2 Improve physical connections between and within neighborhoods through road extensions or improvements, bicycle lanes and trails, and a connected sidewalk network.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Planning Staff has pursues many grants: Safe Routes to Public Places, Urban Trails, Rec Trails (Atakapas Ishak), and ongoing Rails to Trails development.</i>
		3.15	3.15.3 Encourage sustainable site design principles (e.g., onsite stormwater management, tree preservation, reductions in impermeable surfaces, greater energy efficiency) through regulatory incentives.	DP/PW	Planning	Long	<i>LDC incldes expanded green infrastructure requirements.</i>
		3.15	3.15.4 Increase use of LUS free or low cost services that encourage energy efficiency (e.g., energy audits, incentives for lower income households) to reduce operating costs and create healthy home environments.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS employs a full-time Utilities Conservation Specialist who performs energy audits and answers questions about energy efficiency.</i>
		3.15	3.15.5 Establish criteria for utility easements that do not preclude the many tenets of walkability, including street tree placement, building setbacks, etc.	DP	Planning	Long	

3.4 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL 1	PROMOTE AND HIGHLIGHT KEY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.				
	4.01	Support utilization of significant historical and cultural resources with the potential to serve as neighborhood anchors and community assets.			
	4.01	4.1.1 Develop community partnerships with historical and cultural organizations to provide gathering and educational spaces for neighborhoods, as well as, build community and financial support for the organizations.	DP		Mid

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		4.01	4.1.2	Identify significant resources and encourage alternatives to the demolition of and/or inappropriate modifications to significant resources, such as architecturally compatible rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and relocation.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>The LDC includes an adaptive reuse section allowing for a loosening of development standards for buildings that qualify. Historic and Cultural districts afford tax credits that preserve homes.</i>
		4.01	4.1.3	Review impacts on historic resources during the planning and review of development projects, including considering alternatives to demolition or alteration of a historic property's character.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Presevation planner alerted when an historic property has a permit applied to work with owner to consider the preserving historical elements of the property.</i>
		4.01	4.1.4	Pursue Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funds for historical and cultural preservation through the National Parks Service, and apply for grant funding from the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Certified Local Government status obtained.</i>
		4.01	4.1.5	Document and protect archaeological resources on public land (e.g., along the Vermilion River) through education and explanatory and wayfinding signage.	CD		Long	<i>The Acadiana Park Nature Station provides education through the Master Naturalist and Young Naturalist programs. The ANS in conjunction with LPSS enacts the 4th grade educational series in which every 4th grader in the parish attends an informational hands on day at the ANS.</i>
		4.01		Preserve and strengthen neighborhoods that are culturally and historically valuable but that do not meet eligibility criteria for designation as a local, state, or national district. (Related to Community Character Policy 1)				
		4.02	4.2.1	Continue to encourage the evaluation and designation culturally and historically significant neighborhoods as neighborhood character areas.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>The LDC relaxed non-conformity regulations encourage renovation of buildings. Historic and Cultural Designations facilitated by the Preservation and Planning Commissions.</i>
		4.02	4.2.2	Continue to maintain an up to date database of significant buildings and sites with historic, cultural, archeological, or environmental value using the parish's GIS and use the data to monitor historic resources and promote tourism.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Planning staff reviewed current inventory for accuracy of architectural styles and reclassified certain properties as cultural assets.</i>
		4.02	4.2.3	Develop a process that can become a vehicle for the Preservation Commission to help encourage the retention of those qualities that contribute to neighborhood character areas through the application of design guidelines consistent with the local context of each area.	DP	Planning	Long	
		4.02	4.2.4	Support and enhance the efforts of the Lafayette Preservation Commission to include a role in development review for properties within neighborhood character areas.	DP	Planning	Short	
		4.02	4.2.5	Support protections for significant properties with wide appeal to the community.	CD		Long	<i>Preservation commission pursuing consultant services for Elmhurst Park neighborhood protections.</i>
		4.03		Increase coordination and resource sharing between organizations with a focus on historical and cultural resources, including the Preservation Alliance of Lafayette, DDA, Acadiana Historical Initiative at UL, Lafayette Preservation Commission, Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission, and others.				
		4.03	4.3.1	Broaden PAL's role to help coordinate between affiliated historical and cultural resources partners to share information, resources, and seek out opportunities for grants and funding.	PAL		Mid	
		4.03	4.3.2	Develop and implement straightforward and transparent preservation strategies, guidelines, and regulations for historic areas, sites and structures, and cultural resources.	DP	Zoning	Long	<i>Expanded their designations to include cultural, neighborhood and landmark. Preservation Commission pursuing consultant services for Elmhurst Park neighborhood protections.</i>
		4.03	4.3.3	Develop a property owners' guide to historic rehabilitation that includes an overview of the roles of each of the local organizations, available incentives, technical standards for rehabilitation projects specific to Lafayette architecture, and funding opportunities.	DP		Mid	

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		4.03	4.3.4	Continue to leverage recognition of Lafayette's historic preservation program, participate directly in federal and state historic preservation programs, and gain access to designated historic preservation funding.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Community Development assisted in procuring funding for Holy Rosary. LCG was recognized with the Heritage Award by the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation.</i>
		4.03	4.3.5	Support local cultural and performing arts organizations by making available public facilities for performances and as exhibition space, where appropriate.	CD		Short	<i>The Heymann Performing Arts & Convention Center is a premier event space for numerous community performances and events. The Lafayette Science Museum hosts various permanent and temporary exhibitions that support cultural assets.</i>
		4.03	4.3.6	Expand historical tourism through Lafayette Convention & Visitors Commission marketing materials including a comprehensive listing of historical assets and walking tour ideas.	LCVC		Short	<i>Lafayette's Preservation Commission and PAL worked with Freetown Port-Rico to host a historic walk.</i>
		4.03	4.3.7	Organize multi-generational "study circles," "round tables," or "dialogue forums" to provide residents an opportunity to discuss issues of race, ethnicity and public policy, while building relationships.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.04		Expand education and awareness of Lafayette's unique history and cultural identity in schools and community centers.				
		4.04	4.4.1	Create a partnership between UL's Public History Program's Acadiana Historical initiative and the Lafayette Parish Public Schools to expand the reach of the historic and storytelling aspect of the initiative and connect students with seniors.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.04		Use Lafayette's public libraries as community resources to introduce new residents, including non-English speakers, to the history and culture of the region through collections and events.	LPLS		Short	<i>The library has provided numerous programs in partnerships with UL, Mouton House, and other community organizations and groups, highlighting the unique history and cultural diversity of the area. Examples include French Fun Day, Mouton House Lecture Series, Discover Genealogy programs, Bayou State Book Talks, etc.</i>
			4.4.2	Use Lafayette's public libraries as community resources to introduce new residents, including non-English speakers, to the history and culture of the region through collections and events.	LPLS		Short	<i>The library conducted 2800 programs for all ages from gardening with local plants, citizenship testing, local history and stories, and French language discussion groups. Programs rely on the expertise of local historians, artisans, layman and professionals within the Lafayette area. The library collections contain a wide range of print and on-line electronic resources available in French and Spanish for children and adults.</i>
		4.04	4.4.3	Celebrate the cultural history of Lafayette by increasing community awareness through the design of public projects and facilities such as parks, plazas, and community buildings.	DP	Planning	Long	
		4.04	4.4.4	Encourage the development of educational literature on Lafayette's historical and architectural resources and share with students through curriculum and program development.	LPLS		Short	<i>The library hosts several programs with local writer's groups and genealogical groups interested in recording, researching and sharing local history. LPLS partners with several of these groups to provide programs for all ages. Our Mouton House/Lafayette Museum series of lectures on local history and architecture has been extremely popular.</i>
		4.04	4.4.5	Encourage active community involvement in preservation efforts through historical and cultural resource sponsorship programs.	DP	Planning	Short	
		4.05		Create additional opportunities for heritage, culture, and ecotourism in Lafayette Parish.				
		4.05	4.5.1	Continue to highlight Vermilionville and Acadian Village as a major cultural and tourism attraction and support education about smaller historic sites throughout the parish.	DP	Planning	Short	
		4.05	4.5.2	Continue to create low cost guided walking tours of historic resources in Lafayette to showcase the region's numerous historic buildings and places, including downtown, the Sterling Grove Historic District, and the McComb-Veazey neighborhood.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Increased coordination between Lafayette Preservation Commission staff and neighborhood coteries.</i>
		4.05	4.5.3	Design and install outdoor interpretative and wayfinding signage highlighting historical resources and supporting self-guided tours.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals. Historic sign toppers, continued Heritage Sign installations, developing Historic Neighborhood entryway signs. Standardizing a family of wayfind signage to be first employed in downtown area with funding requested to continue urban core installation.</i>

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		4.05	4.5.4	Expand opportunities for ecotourism in the region, including bayou tours and other opportunities within the parish's waterways and future greenways.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Partnership with CGI produced a geospecific map of interest points on the Vermilion.</i>
		4.05	4.5.5	Work with neighboring communities to expand cultural programming throughout the region.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.05	4.5.6	Cultivate Lafayette's position as a food destination by evaluating and expanding on "food infrastructure" in the Lafayette community.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Local Foods, Local Places EPA Technical Assistance Grant. First FoodSpark grants given by LEDA. Acadiana Food Alliance and the local foods directory.</i>
	GOAL 2	INCREASE COMMUNITY-WIDE ARTS AND CULTURAL ACCESS AND EDUCATION.						
		4.06		Strengthen cultural and arts education in Lafayette schools.				
		4.06	4.6.1	Work with the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) and Acadiana Center for the Arts to assess the results and strategies for implementing the Community Audit for Arts Education – including training materials and arts integration.	CD		Long	<i>The Senior Art Studio provides various arts classes for citizens age 55+.</i>
		4.06	4.6.2	Expand opportunities for afterschool arts programming and communicate opportunities through the schools.	DP	Planning	Long	
		4.06	4.6.3	Create public art, such as murals, that involve schools and children in design and creation of projects.	DP	Planning	Long	
		4.07		Preserve and share Lafayette's history through increased use of oral histories, storytelling, photographs, and archival data.				
		4.07	4.7.1	Partner with the Public Library, UL, AOC, and other neighborhood, historical and cultural groups to create the opportunity for volunteers to interview and record oral histories of local residents.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.07	4.7.2	Create an exposition or art show of local stories and photographs to educate and share the Lafayette community's history and culture.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.07	4.7.3	Encourage the participation of Lafayette's rich diversity of ethnic groups in efforts to preserve historical and cultural resources through the inclusion of ethnic resources in collections and archival data.	DP	Planning	Short	
		4.08		Grow Lafayette's successful downtown arts and cultural district and increase galleries, art and performance space, and cultural facilities.				
		4.08	4.8.1	Continue marketing efforts to attract and grow support for existing and new downtown art and cultural venues.	DDA		Short	
		4.08	4.8.2	Encourage the development of live-work artist space and studio space downtown.	DDA		Short	
		4.08	4.8.3	Consider funding mechanisms for a coordinated public art program downtown. (Related to Community Character Policy 7)	CD		Mid	<i>Upon request, CD-Housing & Federal Programs can participate in collaborations/grant applications for this activity. Housing & Federal Programs works with ACA to administer the External Agency Funding Program for Arts & Culture projects. EAFP funds ACA operational expenses. Grant Coordinator has participated in the 2018 ArtSpark grant selection panel which funds numerous public art projects. Successful implementation of ArtBox program through partnership between DP and ACA.</i>
		4.08	4.8.4	Expand development of galleries, performance spaces, and cultural venues downtown. (Related to Historical and Cultural Resources Policy 11)	DDA		Long	

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		4.08	4.8.5 Create stronger linkages and awareness between the downtown arts and cultural district and UL's Hilliard University Art Museum and other related resources using signage and promotional materials.	CD		Mid	
		4.09	Strengthen gateways and placemaking within Lafayette commercial centers and neighborhoods with public art and coordinated streetscape elements. (Related to Community Character Policy 6)				
		4.09	4.9.1 Improve gateways into the city of Lafayette and downtown, including the I-10/I-49 North Gateway and Johnston Street, with coordinated streetscape improvements, signage, and amenities.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i> <i>University Corridor plan complete. Secured BUILD grant for redevelopment of the corridor, that includes improving streetscape and gateways at I-10 and I-49.</i>
		4.09	4.9.2 Designate and encourage Neighborhood Arts/Cultural Corridors as a way to distinguish the different character of areas and neighborhoods.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood coteries.</i> <i>McComb Veazey Cultural District formed.</i>
		4.09	4.9.3 Inventory and preserve historic sidewalk stamps, street signs, lampposts, street trees, and other hardscape and cultural landscape elements, in addition to designated historical buildings, structures, and sites that contribute to the historic character of a neighborhood.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Sign toppers have been installed for nationally historic designated Sterling Grove neighborhood.</i>
		4.09	4.9.4 Encourage the use of local history themes in public art projects, when appropriate.	P&R		Short	<i>City Hall murals.</i>
	GOAL 3	VALUE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE CREATIVE ECONOMY.					
		4.10	Maintain and grow Lafayette's festivals and cultural events.				
		4.10	4.10.1 Consider future needs for festivals and special events as they continue to grow, including a permanent, larger location for outdoor festival and events downtown.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		4.10	4.10.2 Coordinate with retailers, restaurants, and the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission to offer smaller special events targeted to visitors.	DP		Mid	
		4.11	Communicate the value of arts and culture to the Lafayette community.				
		4.11	4.11.1 Partner with LEDA or the 1A to measure economic impact of arts and cultural events, activity generated by Art walks and galleries, and educational impact of involving students in arts, historic, and cultural projects or events.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>LEDA did an early economic impact of the arts report.</i>
		4.11	4.11.2 Create materials to communicate the value of arts and culture through LEDA, LCVC, and the 1A.	DP		Mid	
		4.11	4.11.3 Participate in and use National Historic Preservation Week to recognize those individuals, groups or businesses that have made a significant contribution to the preservation, protection or restoration of historical or cultural resources.	DP	Planning	Short	
		4.11	4.11.4 Finalize, adopt, and implement a Culture Plan through a collaborative process with cultural stakeholders and civic leadership in the community, to be led by the Administration. This may include civic beautification, neighborhood corridors, public art parks, a new cultural campus, and grant funding opportunities.	Admin		Mid	<i>Preliminary work on an Entertainment and Cultural Plan.</i>
3.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	GOAL 1	PRODUCE MORE SKILLED WORKERS LOCALLY FOR LOCAL JOBS.					
		5.01	Increase business skills training for high school graduates to allow local companies to hire and compete globally. (Related to Community Facilities Policy 7)				

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		5.01	5.1.1	Target federal and foundation grants that support greater workforce training, collaboration with major employers and industries, mentoring, and career path programs.	DP		Long	
		5.01	5.1.2	Work with LPSS to advocate for increased business skills training for local high school students through the Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy, SLCC, and others.	LEDA		Long	
		5.01	5.1.3	Work with major employers to participate in an annual survey, conferences, job fairs, etc.	DP		Mid	<i>LEDA hosts an annual job fair that is the premier job recruitment event in Acadiana.</i>
		5.02	Enhance coordination between the region's colleges and universities and major employers. (Related to Community Facilities Policy 10)					
		5.02	5.2.1	Develop a business-driven education development strategy led by LCG, LEDA, and 1A that includes the desired skills needed in local employees and expected growth in job sectors.	DP		Mid	
		5.02	5.2.2	Annually survey HR managers to determine perceived improvement or diminishment of readiness of recent local hires.	LEDA		Mid	
	GOAL 2	BROADEN EMPLOYMENT SECTORS THAT DRIVE THE PARISH ECONOMY.						
		5.03	Encourage population and economic growth that provides the basis for a more diverse economy.					
		5.03	5.3.1	Work with LEDA's business attraction and economic development efforts to align them with government infrastructure planning, incentive programs, and future land use priorities.	DP		Mid	<i>LEDA engaged in downtown and University Ave. redevelopment.</i>
		5.03	5.3.2	Anticipate and make infrastructure investment in areas of the parish designated for employment, retail, and mixed-use growth in order to spur investment by development in key corridors or within principal nodes.	DP		Long	
		5.03	5.3.3	Explore special assessments for improvements (i.e. street signage, enhanced lighting, landscaping) in redevelopment areas where investment is imminent or already occurring in order to further drive property values and activity.	DP		Mid	
		5.03	5.3.4	Evaluate the potential of a business license, or a similar program, to aid economic development by helping track and analyze trends in local business, and to increase the efficiency and accuracy of sales tax collection.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		5.04	Diversify economy by supporting startup and entrepreneurial businesses.					
		5.04	5.4.1	Foster interaction between the public and private sector that enables innovation, secures talent, and improves the business climate for a growing economic base.	DP		Short	
		5.04	5.4.2	Support local incubators, like Opportunity Machine, and research and development efforts at UL to foster entrepreneurship and growth in technology related businesses.	LEDA		Short	<i>The Opportunity Machine, Lafayette's Center for Entrepreneurship, is a business incubator that provides business education seminars, entrepreneurial mentorship, and office space for those looking to start and/or grown their business.</i>
		5.04	5.4.3	Continue to support energy innovation that is at the forefront of the newest wave of technological development.	DP		Short	
		5.04	5.4.4	Leverage the parish's anticipated growth in the health sector to encourage both public and private investment in training within fields such as Emergency Medicine Training, Outpatient Care and Home Care.	DP		Mid	<i>Planning staff participation in the Healthy Acadiana coalition.</i>
		5.04	5.4.5	Leverage R&D activity at UL to grow local business.	DP		Long	

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		5.04	5.4.6	Continue to market region as a leader in technology related businesses with access to the fastest internet speeds in the country.	DP		Short	
		5.05		Dedicate resources to encourage existing/additional airlines with greater levels of jet service to Lafayette Regional Airport on an enhanced schedule.				
		5.05	5.5.1	Schedule community and elected leaders (including Congressional Delegation) to meet every two years with airline route management executives to update on community growth and progress.	DP		Mid	
		5.05	5.5.2	Offer targeted airlines marketing support or incentives to commit to Lafayette.	DP		Mid	
		5.05	5.5.3	Obtain local corporate commitments to utilize enhanced service for a select period of time.	DP		Mid	
		5.05	5.5.4	Update research every several years to evaluate the need for enhanced service and projected utilization levels.	DP		Long	
		5.06		Continue to increase tourism and expand the range of activities available to visitors. (Related to Historical & Cultural Resources Policy 3)				
		5.06	5.6.1	Invest in assets and infrastructure to ensure that gateways are attractive, streets are clean, pedestrian friendly, and well maintained.	DP		Long	<i>Downtown Gateway installed.</i>
		5.06	5.6.2	Improve support services for a better visitor experience, including wayfinding signage, self-guided tours, lodging, parking, dining, packaged visitor guide videos for local hotels, increased quality taxi availability, and transit shuttles for major events.	DP		Mid	
		5.06	5.6.3	Develop training programs for frontline staff to elevate LOS critical to tourism development.	DP		Long	
		5.06	5.6.4	Expand synergies and coordination of marketing by linking existing destinations, festival and events.	DP		Mid	
		5.06	5.6.5	Expand ecotourism through national exposure to events and competitions (e.g., fishing tournaments, triathlon events, etc.).	DP		Mid	
		5.06	5.6.6	Support expansion of the UL Convention Center to include hotel facilities in order to increase competitiveness for potential conferences and special events.	DP		Mid	
		5.07		Maintain competitive and financial strength of LUS Fiber so it can continue to enhance its national position.				
		5.07	5.7.1	Monitor national rollout of ultrahigh speed internet access by firms such as Google and AT&T to ensure that Lafayette business community and residents have equivalent or better speed, coverage, cost, and availability of access in relation to their peer cities as the high speed market continues to evolve.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS Fiber extended its service territory to both Broussard and Youngsville as demand for 100% fiber services continues to grow.</i>
		5.07	5.7.2	Expand LUS Fiber access to more customer locations in the city of Lafayette, including multifamily residential communities and office buildings, as it becomes financially feasible to do so.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS Fiber is continuing to extend its infrastructure to neighborhoods in the city of Lafayette that were annexed after its initial rollout of fiber services.</i>
		5.07	5.7.3	Evaluate the feasibility of pursuing multiple marketing pathways – including those that continue to position LUS Fiber as a local service provider with excellent internet, cable, and phone service and other methods that brand LUS Fiber as a national leader in high speed internet service delivery.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS now offers 10gb services to residential customers - one of the few telecommunications companies that can make that statement. LUS is constantly evaluating new products and services that will benefit its customers and the city of Lafayette as a whole.</i>

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		5.07	5.7.4 With the assistance of LEDA and other entities, develop and market Fiber case studies that communicate tangible outcomes for companies who have located to Lafayette because of Fiber or who have been successful because of Fiber availability.	LUS		Long	<i>There have been several companies that have located or relocated to Lafayette due to its emerging technology industry, driven primarily by LUS Fiber. LUS Fiber will continue to stay current so that new industry will view Lafayette as a place that promotes the future.</i>
		5.07	5.7.5 Continue national networking with Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Council, American Public Power Association (APPA), and other entities and fiber-to-the-premise communities to remain a national leader in high speed internet availability.	LUS		Short	<i>LUS and LUS Fiber continue to participate in industry organizations in order to stay current on issues and to develop relationships with like companies for collaborative efforts.</i>
		5.07	5.7.6 Support local community efforts that help market LUS Fiber products and build Lafayette's position as a leader in high speed internet.	LUS		Short	<i>LUS Fiber continues to be community-involved and an integral piece of the move to promote Lafayette as a center of technology.</i>
	GOAL 3	CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE IDENTITY AND MIX OF USES IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE.					
		5.08	Establish downtown as the heart of the community and a center of cultural activity with a mix of retail, service, civic, office, and residential uses as described in the Downtown Action Plan. (Related to Future Land Use Policy 3, Community Character Policy 2)				
		5.08	5.8.1 Encourage higher density and intensity of development, given its central location, development patterns, and proximity to employment, services, education, and other amenities.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>LDC Amendments offer an urban option for most of the zoning districts. An option that property owner can only opt out of if they meet certain requirements.</i> <i>The Downtown District in the LDC is more performance based than other zoning districts to achieve urban, walkable development.</i>
		5.08	5.8.2 Increase residential and office uses downtown to help establish a "24 hour market" for commercial success and increased pedestrian activity.	DDA		Long	<i>Several downtown residential developments, including Old Federal Courthouse are built or in the planning process.</i>
		5.08	5.8.3 Evaluate opportunities for capturing mid to longer term downtown/Oil Center hotel demand that is driven by both overnight leisure and business sectors.	DP		Mid	
		5.08	5.8.4 Emphasize gateways to downtown, strengthen the sense of place and identity downtown, and enhance signage to help residents, workers, and visitors navigate the area.	DDA		Mid	<i>Cypress/Jefferson Gateway.</i> <i>Wayfinding signage roll out.</i>
		5.08	5.8.5 Encourage a new or enhanced civic gathering space downtown that is integrated into the fabric of downtown and provides public amenities.	DDA		Mid	<i>Parklets, outdoor dining, bike racks, planters have been implemented downtown in public spaces.</i>
3.6 TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY							
	GOAL 1	PRESERVE THE EXISTING AND PLANNED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.					
		6.01	Continue to manage and maintain existing transportation facilities, including safety features such as signing, lighting, striping, pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic signal equipment.				
		6.01	6.1.1 Improve the conditions of existing transportation facilities in areas identified on the FLUM as mixed-use centers and corridors and prioritize the use of transportation funds in these areas.	PW		Long	<i>Transportation projects prioritized in consultant work for integrating landuse and transportation planning.</i>
		6.01	6.1.2 Use LCG's tracking software to allow citizens to report missing and/or needed improvements of the transportation system and track the information.	IS&T		Md	<i>The 311 initiative and CityWorks are integrated to log citizen complaints. This will allow citizens to register complaints and/or issues they are concerned about. Planning staff working to have a category for bike routes, debris, hazard complaints.</i>
		6.02	Improve corridor preservation and management to protect existing and planned transportation corridors from inconsistent development and potential negative environmental, social, and economic impacts.				
		6.02	6.2.1 Continually work with the MPO to review and update the Lafayette MPO long-range transportation plans to ensure that they conform to the priorities identified in the parish FLUM, with an emphasis on improvements to existing roadways.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i> <i>Transportation projects prioritized in consultant work for integrating landuse and transportation planning.</i>

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		6.02	6.2.2	Develop and adopt parish wide Functional Classification Design Standards that incorporate best practices in "Complete Streets" design (street improvements that balance the utilization of public rights-of-way between transit, automobiles/trucks, bicycles, and pedestrians).	DP/PW	Dev	Mid	<i>Land Use and Transportation Implementation Guide recommends cross sections base on land uses: urban, rural and suburban. Complete St. Policy adopted.</i>
		6.02	6.2.3	Develop detailed corridor plans for specific/identified roadways in targeted areas.	DP/PW	Dev	Mid	<i>University Corridor Plan. ECI work advocating for the grand boulevard as part of the I-49 Connector system. Other ECI projects include: Willow St Corridor Study, Jefferson St Corridor Study, and Castille Ave Corridor Study.</i>
		6.02	6.2.4	Improve coordination and collaboration between the numerous departments that impact roadway design standards and sections – including the Louisiana DOTD, Community Development and Planning (CDP), Public Works, LUS, and the MPO.	DP/PW	Zoning	Mid	
		6.02	6.2.5	Develop and adopt a parish wide Corridor Preservation Plan that conforms to the priorities identified in the parish Future Land Use Map and plans for land preservation within designated corridor right-of-ways.	DP/PW	Planning	Long	
		6.02	6.2.6	Preserve and protect targeted transportation corridors identified in the long-range transportation plans, even when the implementation of project is many years into the future, so long those plans have been revised to reflect priorities identified in the comprehensive plan.	DP	Dev	Mid	
		6.03		Continue to improve transportation efficiency through access management planning and implementation.				
		6.03	6.3.1	Develop a comprehensive Access Management Plan in coordination with Louisiana DOTD, MPO and statewide Access Management Policy that implements strategies to preserve and enhance the efficiency and safety of the arterial street network by reducing and consolidating private entrances and median crossovers.	DP		Long	<i>LDC addresses access management by speed of roadway.</i>
		6.03	6.3.2	Promote access management practices such as raised medians, driveway consolidation and connectivity.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>In LDC, connectivity ratio applied to all new subdivisions. Section 89-44 (6).</i>
		6.03	6.3.3	Consider requiring Traffic Impact Studies for new projects based on the estimated trips generated by the proposed development to identify and mitigate adverse impacts on the surrounding transportation system.	DP	Dev	Mid	<i>Public Works and the Planning Commission may require Traffic Impact Analysis. Section 89-26 (e) 1. c. of the LDC.</i>
	GOAL 2	PROVIDE A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT FACILITATES THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT OF BOTH PEOPLE AND GOODS.						
		6.04		Provide multi-modal facilities along transportation corridors to improve connectivity for neighborhoods and surrounding uses by facilitating mobility for all users. (Related to Community Character Policy 11)				
		6.04	6.4.1	Adopt a "Complete Streets" policy with implementation strategies, to create and implement street improvement plans.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Adopted a Complete Streets Policy. Implementation ongoing.</i>
		6.04	6.4.2	Develop a streetscape classification system and associated design standards that emphasize multimodal facilities, landscape design criteria (with emphasis on native plant materials), and amenities (street furniture, pedestrian scaled lighting, wayfinding signage, and bus stops) that enhance the safety and comfort of roadways for all users.	DP	Zoning	Long	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals. Ongoing corridor studies.</i>
		6.04	6.4.3	Coordinate with Public Works and the MPO to update long-range transportation plans with streetscape classification system and associated design standards that are sensitive to the surrounding context.	DP		Mid	<i>Lafayette Transportation Plan in the LDC allows for specific setback requirements based on planned corridor. Transportation projects prioritized in Land Use and Transportation Implementation Guide for integrating landuse and transportation planning.</i>
		6.04	6.4.4	Implement the recommendations of the draft 2040 Lafayette MPO Bikeway Plan when consistent with the FLUM.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Completed a local inventory and plan for bike mobility and developed a criteria and prioritized our proposed ped and bike projects.</i>

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		6.05	Invest in new technology to enhance transportation efficiency and improve safety.				
		6.05	6.5.1 Develop parish wide Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Deployment and Implementation strategies using technology to improve congestion, inform users of delays and alternate routes, and improve safety in an emergency evacuation scenario.	PW		Mid	<i>Currently implementing an Adaptive Signal Project, a system that allows Lafayette traffic signals to change duration and timing, system-wide and in real-time, based on changing traffic levels throughout the day and from day to day.</i>
		6.05	6.5.2 Improve congestion management using automated data collection and analysis of traffic volume and accidents.	DP		Mid	<i>Currently implementing an Adaptive Signal Project, a system that allows Lafayette traffic signals to change duration and timing, system-wide and in real-time, based on changing traffic levels throughout the day and from day to day.</i>
		6.06	Increase transit service, efficiency, and use.				
		6.06	6.6.1 Work with the MPO to review and continually update the parish wide Transit Plan and ensure its consistency with the comprehensive plan.	PW	Transit	Short	
		6.06	6.6.2 Develop a transit trip planner application to provide real time trip information and bus stop locations.	PW	Transit	Mid	<i>Transit partnered with Google for bus routes and bus stop locations. Google Map Application for routes, with real-time route and bus information.</i> <i>Integrated bike routes in App for real-time route planning and navigation.</i>
		6.06	6.6.3 Improve public transit service and access through technology, educational and marketing materials, and improved transit shelters and facilities.	PW	Transit	Mid	<i>Transit working with marketing firm to develop user friendly maps.</i> <i>MPO transit plan includes route surveys and analysis as well as patron surveys currently in progress.</i> <i>Sponsored shelters have been and continue to be constructed.</i> <i>Google Map Application for routes.</i> <i>Better marketing material underway.</i>
		6.06	6.6.4 Support increased transit service and frequency of service by encouraging higher density development in mixed-use centers and corridors and coordination with transit routes.	PW	Transit	Long	<i>LDC offers parking reductions for development near transit.</i> <i>LDC amendment to increase density in zoning districts and to limit density by stories in "A" development types.</i>
		6.06	6.6.5 Investigate the feasibility of limited free bus service and dedicated routes along targeted multimodal corridors such as University Avenue and Johnson Street to encourage ridership and increased density and to support commercial activity and tourism.	PW	Transit	Mid	<i>Pilot project for free service/targeted shelter locations on corridors.</i>
		6.06	6.6.6 Continue to investigate feasibility of UL/LTS transit partnership to leverage resources to maximize fulfillment of transit needs and build potential pipeline of ridership.	DP		Mid	<i>Ongoing - current agreement underway to lease bus to UL, just the beginning of a large partnership.</i>
		6.06	6.6.7 Develop the infrastructure to enable moving the Lafayette Transit System to convert their fleet to improve sustainability.				
		6.07	Reduce congestion and improve mobility, regardless of mode.				
		6.07	6.7.1 Invest in low cost strategies, such as channelization, turning lanes, signal retiming, signage etc., to maximize efficiency and safety for immediate congestion relief.	PW		Mid	<i>New budget includes intersection improvements.</i>
		6.07	6.7.2 Reduce traffic on arterials roads by improving connectivity and creating new linkages between existing local and collector roads.	PW		Long	<i>New connections and intersection improvements prioritized.</i>
		6.07	6.7.3 Work with local businesses to help implement Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies such as ridesharing, staggered work hours, alternative work schedules, and telecommuting, for more efficient use of transportation resources.	DP		Long	<i>MPO supports a super-regional web based initiative, Commuter Krewe of Louisiana, krewe.rideproweb.com</i>

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		6.07	6.7.4	Plan and fund roundabouts as a viable alternative to grade separations and standard at grade intersections.	PW		Short	<i>DOTD and LCG designing roundabout at the intersection of North University @ Renaud.</i> <i>University Corridor Plan recommends three roundabouts in addition to Renaud.</i> <i>Ongoing roundabout studies in the city and parish.</i>
		6.07	6.7.5	Consider innovative intersection designs such as Reduced Phase Intersections (RPI), J-turns etc., but only when such designs are compatible and complimentary to pedestrian and bicycle travel.	PW		Short	<i>DOTD constructing J-turns on Johnston St.</i>
		6.07	6.7.6	Reduce traffic congestion by redesigning major corridors to prioritize safe walking, biking, transit, and driving options and incorporating those elements through all phases of the planning and design process.	PW		Long	
		6.07	6.7.7	As part of the Corridor Preservation and Management Action Plan, promote the inclusion and integration of multi-modal approaches in the design of the I-49 Connector and surrounding corridor.	DP		Short	
		6.07	6.7.8	Pursue the construction of a new Vermillion River crossing, to be accomplished by the extension of South City Parkway across the river to Kaliste Saloom, to reduce the traffic load on already congested existing crossings and to provide a parallel alternative to Ambassador Caffery Parkway.	PW		Long	
		6.08		Make Lafayette a model city for safe, convenient, and attractive for walking and biking options for people of all ages and abilities.				
		6.08	6.8.1	Plan, develop and maintain a comprehensive pedestrian, bicycle, and trail system network, with emphasis on growth areas, as an integral part of the regional transportation network.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Ongoing development of Rails to Trails project to span north-south connections from downtown Lafayette to north of I-10.</i>
		6.08	6.8.2	Expand pedestrian and bicycle connectivity with new designated routes, enhanced or new signage, and connectivity.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Researched and developed a criteria for prioritizing new ped and bike projects.</i> <i>Online portal created to receive citizen input.</i>
		6.08	6.8.3	Require sidewalks on both sides of streets for all proposed new and redevelopment projects. Also, provide connections to existing and/or proposed sidewalks to ensure an interconnected pedestrian system.	DP	Zoning	Short	<i>The LDC requires sidewalks now required in the parish as well as the city. 5 ft. sidewalks are required on both sides of the streets. Not on private streets.</i>
		6.08	6.8.4	Provide for clearly marked bicycle and pedestrian features, such as sidewalks, bicycle routes, trails, designated crosswalks, curb cuts, refuge areas and pedestrian signals, in the construction and reconstruction of transportation corridors.	PW		Short	<i>Garfield, St. Landry, Congress examples of road diets with bike lanes.</i> <i>Wayfinding designs include bicycle markings in the family of signs.</i> <i>Proposed bike fix-it-station at Rosa Parks Multi-Modal Transportation Center.</i>
		6.08	6.8.5	Provide sidewalks, trails and/or bicycle routes that link residential concentrations with transit stations, mixed-use activity centers, shopping districts, recreational facilities, employment centers, and major public facilities, and provide for pedestrian and bicycle circulation within mixed-use centers.	PW		Long	<i>Numerous road diets with bike lane markings.</i> <i>Connecting Northside neighborhoods with downtown through the ongoing Rails to Trails project.</i> <i>Improving network connections with path lighting and safety markings at South College underpass.</i> <i>Atakapas-Ishak Trail and Urban Trails routes link downtown to surrounding urban core neighborhoods and Beaver Park.</i>
		6.08	6.8.6	Develop promotional materials that clearly show the beneficial health impacts of walking and biking, and encourage residents to take advantage of the parish's expanding network of bicycle paths, trails, and sidewalks.	DP		Mid	
		6.08	6.8.7	Work with the development community to accommodate multimodal transportation in new developments (e.g., bicycle parking, shading, neighborhood connections, etc.).	DP	Dev	Mid	
		6.08	6.8.8	Collaborate with external agencies, including DOTD and the MPO, to develop design standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and integrate these into recommended cross sections for LCG sponsored roadway projects and/or improvements.	PW		Long	<i>Bike and pedestrian improvements consideration for MPO funded projects and DOTD TAP projects.</i>

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		6.08	6.8.9	Continue to monitor innovation in technology which could reduce net demand on transportation infrastructure or increase efficient infrastructure utilization, for example taxi apps (Uber), ridesharing apps, bike sharing, and other citizen tools that could change the way residents choose to travel and make it easier for them to make alternate transportation decisions.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Lafayette passed ordinance to allow Shared Mobility for bikes and scooters.</i>
		6.09		Ensure that transportation system improvements are in compliance with the FLUM and reviewed for consistency with the comprehensive plan.				
		6.09	6.9.1	Consider requiring all new development and redevelopment to include pedestrian and/or bicycle amenities in order to mitigate adverse impacts upon the transportation system and provide transportation options.	DP	Dev	Short	<i>In the urban zoning districts bike racks are required in proportion to the number of parking spaces.</i> <i>Road diet for Congress St incorporating onstreet parking and bike lane.</i> <i>Increased size of required sidewalks to 5'.</i>
		6.09	6.9.2	Develop policies that encourage higher density residential development in mixed-use activity centers to promote non-motorized trips and transit services to reduce Single Occupancy Vehicle use.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		6.09	6.9.3	Develop policies and design guidelines that encourage the design and development of mixed-use projects to support public transportation and non-motorized travel and reduce traffic on major roads.	DP	Planning	Long	
		6.09	6.9.4	Develop policies that encourage compatible commercial use and appropriate land uses such as childcare facilities in mixed-use centers and in close proximity to public transportation stations.	DP	Planning	Mid	
	GOAL 3	ENSURE SAFETY FOR ALL USERS OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES.						
		6.10		Proactively manage safety deficiencies of transportation system.				
		6.10	6.10.1	Analyze crash records to identify high crash locations and probable causes.	PW		Mid	<i>MPO crash analysis to identify high crash locations and coordination with LCG/DOTD for improvements at the following locations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pont Des Mouton @ I-49 ramps and service roads • Congress @ Vital • Rumble Strip installation Lagneau @ Congress <i>MPO performed additional area-wide crash analysis to identify "hot spots" for roadway departure crashes and right angle crashes.</i> <i>Planning staff analyze bike and pedestrian crashes for grant applications including DOTD Safe Routes to Public Places funding, TAP funding, and BUILD grant.</i> <i>Crash data referenced in AWDRC plat reviews for new development</i>
		6.10	6.10.2	Develop and implement an annual safety improvement plan with dedicated funds to correct identified safety deficiencies.	PW		Long	<i>Safety improvements implemented as result of above 6.10.1 activities.</i>
		6.10	6.10.3	Pursue safety funds from state and federal agencies and continue collaboration with the Acadiana Transportation Safety Coalition.	DP		Short	<i>Planning staff has integrated safety data as part of overall criteria to evaluate projects including sidewalks, bike lanes, intersection improvements, etc, with ongoing application to new and proposed projects.</i>
		6.10	6.10.4	Continue to explore technological tools to improve and address community safety transportation related issues.	PW		Short	<i>Currently implementing an Adaptive Signal Project, a system that allows Lafayette traffic signals to change duration and timing, system-wide and in real-time, based on changing traffic levels throughout the day and from day to day.</i>
		6.10	6.10.5	Develop public information campaigns to educate citizens about the most common crash types caused by driver behavior to reduce the occurrence of these crashes.	PD		Mid	<i>LPD coordinates crash statistics with Traffic Engineering and monitors problematic areas through our COMPSTAT reports.</i> <i>Lafayette Police Department also secured LHSC and Domestic Violence funding.</i> <i>Lafayette Police Department utilizes the ATAC Unit as well the Mobile Intoxilyzer Unit to remove impaired drivers operating motor vehicles on the public roadways.</i>

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		6.10	6.10.6	Plan to resolve conflicts between motorized and non-motorized traffic by correcting unsafe conditions for walking and bicycling.	DP		Long	<i>Awarded Safe Routes to Public Places grant for sidewalk construction on Johnston at Camellia. Extension of N. St Antoine Rd includes multi-use path to accommodate bike and pedestrian travel.</i>
		6.10	6.10.7	Monitor and enforce the provisions and regulations for transporting hazardous materials.	FD		Short	
		6.11		Institute traffic calming measures and geometric street designs to reduce vehicular speeds in residential neighborhoods, improve safety, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist comfort.				
		6.11	6.11.1	Continue and expand the existing traffic calming program to additional neighborhood streets meeting the program's criteria and with support from the community.	PW		Short	<i>Revised program to include speed limit reduction as first step. Ongoing program to install speed bumps.</i>
		6.11	6.11.2	Educate citizens on traffic calming program through success stories, before and after photographs to show the impact, and results of changes in behavior.	PW		Mid	
		6.11	6.11.3	Consider road configurations in new subdivisions with safety in mind (e.g., T-intersections, roundabouts).	DP	Planning	Short	
		6.12		Prepare for emergencies through an Emergency Evacuation Plan.				
		6.12	6.12.1	Maintain a parish wide evacuation plan in concert with statewide evacuation plan.	DP	Emer Ops	Mid	
		6.12	6.12.2	Plan to provide assistance for residents with special transportation needs or disabilities during an evacuation and provide ongoing outreach and education to ensure residents are aware of evacuation plans.	DP	Emer Ops	Long	
		6.12	6.12.3	Develop a parishwide designated evacuation routes and shelter locations map.	DP	Emer Ops	Mid	
		6.12	6.12.4	Continuously educate all residents about designated evacuation routes and install evacuation route signs along the designated evacuation routes where missing.	DP	Emer Ops	Short	
	GOAL 4	IDENTIFY THE FUNDING NEEDED FOR LCG'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND POTENTIAL SOURCES FOR THAT FUNDING.						
		6.13		Pursue local, state and federal funding support for LCG's transportation system.				
		6.13	6.13.1	Develop a stable source of local transportation funding and secure local matching funds from local, state, and federal funds with consideration for alternatives such as local option gas tax, roadway frontage fee, and driveway access fee.	DP		Long	
		6.13	6.13.2	Strengthen coordination with Louisiana DOTD and the Legislative Delegation to receive fair share of state and federal funding.	DP		Short	<i>Administration active in pursuing state funding for University Ave Corridor and other projects.</i>
		6.13	6.13.3	Partner with LEDA and 1A to develop a LCG policy regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts to fund infrastructure improvements. The policy should establish prioritized and preferred criteria for TIF District proposals.	DP		Long	<i>Established 5 Economic Development Districts with support from LEDA and 1A.</i>
		6.13	6.13.4	Work with the MPO to secure funds from the 10% Urban Systems fund commitment for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.	DP	Planning	Short	
		6.14		Increase PPPs as part of infrastructure projects.	DP		Long	

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		6.14	6.14.1 Seek out and facilitate public-private partnerships, to finance new construction, new transportation services, and improvements to existing facilities and services.				<i>Old Federal Courthouse redevelopment underway.</i> <i>Low cost loan to Bottle Arts Loft.</i> <i>Establishment of EDDs and Opportunity Zones.</i>
		6.14	6.14.2 Work with local business and property owners to fund transportation improvements, signage, and streetscape improvements in key locations.	DP	Planning	Long	
		6.14	6.14.3 Work with the Redevelopment Authority and partners to facilitate infrastructure projects.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>North Redevelopment Authority reactivated.</i>
3.7 UTILITIES							
	GOAL 1	COORDINATE WITH LUS TO ENSURE THAT UTILITIES INCORPORATE THE FLUM IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING OF SYSTEM EXPANSIONS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE SERVICE AREA.					
		7.01	Ensure that there are adequate LUS and LUS Fiber facilities available to serve future growth areas.				
		7.01	7.1.1 Develop or update existing master plans of LUS utilities (electric, water, and wastewater) and LUS Fiber facilities in compliance with the FLUM.	LUS		Long	
		7.01	7.1.2 Identify new city of Lafayette infrastructure and LUS Fiber facility locations and/or existing facility expansions to serve future growth areas that cannot be served by current facilities, including the new centers to be located at Ambassador Caffery Parkway at Gloria Switch and Ambassador Caffery Parkway at I-10.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS and LUS Fiber continue to monitor growth and construct, or participate in the construction of, infrastructure needed to serve undeveloped or underdeveloped areas.</i>
		7.02	Develop policies that encourage new development within the service areas of existing infrastructure with excess capacity, or where systems can be realistically expanded, including identification of revenues to support those policies.				
		7.02	7.2.1 Review existing facility capacity, current demands and expansion potential.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS and LUS Fiber routinely assesses needs and includes necessary projects in its yearly and long-term capital budgets.</i>
		7.02	7.2.2 Identify feasible existing facilities for expansion to serve the needs of future growth.	LUS		Mid	<i>Private-Public Partnership to build sewage lift station to increase residential development capacity downtown.</i>
		7.02	7.2.3 Preserve land near existing facilities for future expansion.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS owns property that allows for expansion of existing facilities and a buffer between the facilities and the general public.</i>
		7.02	7.2.4 Adopt policies to encourage development within the existing services areas such as requiring the proposed developments to bear the cost of new facilities outside existing service areas.	DP		Long	
	GOAL 2	CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIABLE SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS.					
		7.03	Maintain high reliability of LUS utility services through continued proactive monitoring of usage and capacity, and maintaining infrastructure systems.				
		7.03	7.3.1 For the electric utility, continue to maintain a tree trimming program for its entire distribution system to minimize outages and maintain high reliability of the overall system and revisit current DP policies related to planting smaller tree species that are compatible with overhead power lines.	LUS		Short	<i>LUS recently adjusted its tree trimming policy for certain tree types. Careful consideration is taken but the goal remains reliability of electric service at a reasonable cost.</i>
		7.03	7.3.2 Monitor the Chicot Aquifer, locally and through state and federal agencies, as it is vital to the future of Lafayette Parish.	LUS	EQ	Short	<i>LUS follows all regulatory and environmental guidelines as it pertains to the Chicot Aquifer.</i>

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		7.03	7.3.3	Encourage planting of drought resistant and native plants and continue to support water conservation through the parish wide water conservation policy regarding lawn watering for all local governments through intergovernmental agreements.	LUS	EQ	Mid	<i>LUS and its wholesale customers continue to enforce the lawn watering ordinance from May through September each year.</i> <i>Community nonprofit initiatives to promote use of native plants in landscapes and public plantings. Planning staff developed a Community Planting permit process to facilitate.</i>
		7.03	7.3.4	Develop a program for the installation of appropriate backflow prevention devices for residential and commercial customers to ensure the safety of potable water supply.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS protects the system and customers from potential service interruptions or safety hazards by implementing and enforcing policies like backflow preventers.</i>
		7.04		Seek the eventual conversion to all underground electric utilities, contingent upon an adequate funding source.				
		7.04	7.4.1	Continue to require underground electric utilities in all new developments funded by both developers and the utility system.	LUS		Short	<i>While developers initially put up funds for underground electric facilities, LUS's reimbursement policy encourages the continued goal of placing all new electric facilities underground.</i>
		7.04	7.4.2	Develop a long term master plan, based on the parish Future Land Use Map, and identify funding, including participation by landowners, to convert existing overhead electric facilities to underground, including addressing other service providers using those facilities (i.e. telephone, cable, fiber), contingent upon an adequate funding source.	LUS		Long	<i>Utilities conversion to underground is a very costly and time-consuming effort, one that is the responsibility of the requesting party. LUS engages any business or community who wishes to acquire a budget estimate for utilities conversion.</i>
		7.04	7.4.3	Consider strategies and funding for Public Private Partnerships for converting existing overhead line facilities underground.	LUS		Mid	<i>Utilities conversion to underground is a very costly and time-consuming effort, one that is the responsibility of the requesting party. LUS engages any business or community who wishes to acquire a budget estimate for utilities conversion.</i>
		7.04	7.4.4	Determine a source of annual funding for the systematic conversion of existing overhead facilities to underground facilities, in accordance with the long term master plan and determined priorities.	DP		Long	
	GOAL 3	SATISFY ALL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.						
		7.05		Ensure existing and future regulatory compliance.				
		7.05	7.5.1	Continue to identify existing and future regulatory requirements and conduct a gap/deficiency analysis to identify action items needed to meet the requirements.	LUS		Mid	<i>Monitoring Federal Register on a daily basis and act when necessary when a promulgated regulation is forthcoming.</i> <i>Compile checklist of state and federal regulations which apply to all LCG facilities/functions. Enlist assistance from LCG's Building Maintenance Division to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.</i> <i>Ongoing gap/deficiency analysis on a quarterly basis and apply remedial action when deficiencies are discovered.</i>
		7.05	7.5.2	Implement plan of action items using Best Management Practices to meet regulatory requirements.	LUS		Long	<i>BMPs currently implemented at all LCG facilities and at commercial operations (e.g., construction sites and at residences with malfunctioning sewage septic systems).</i> <i>Began quarterly reviews of Pollution Prevention Plans (PPPs) and corresponding BMPs for LCG facilities.</i> <i>Amend and modify PPPs and corresponding BMPs when necessary.</i> <i>Continue regular proactive inspections of commercial and industrial operations as well as construction site inspections to ensure compliance with MS4 regulations.</i>
		7.05	7.5.3	Educate residents and business owners about new regulations and Lafayette's efforts to improve environmental quality.	LUS		Mid	<i>Ensure that LCG website is regularly monitored/updated to reflect new regulations.</i> <i>Contingent on new regulations, design and produce new educational material such as door hangers, brochures, etc. as needed.</i> <i>Continue to enlist cooperation of news media to promulgate information pertaining to new regulations which apply to the general population.</i>
		7.06		Increase sustainable practices in electric, water, sewer utilities and waste management, contingent on adequate funding. (Related to Resource Conservation and Hazard Mitigation Policy 1)				

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		7.06	7.6.1	Work with Public Works to manage stormwater runoff by appropriate water detention and retention practices, and to design solutions that add aesthetic value to surrounding areas and provide potential recreational amenities.	PW	EQ	Long	<i>Passed new stormwater detention requirements for new developments.</i> <i>Ongoing acquisition of strategic land for regional detention.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.2	Partner with the Bayou Vermilion District to increase water protection, expand stormwater management efforts, and limit potential negative impacts of development and impervious surfaces within the district.	PW	EQ	Long	<i>Photos of the "Trash Trap" have been shared on social media to educate the community about litter entering our waterways.</i> <i>Continue working with BVD and the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association to provide water quality education and watershed-focused volunteer opportunities.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.3	Expand the Rain Barrel Program to improve water quality by reducing the amount of stormwater runoff and surface water pollutants that enter the Bayou Vermilion watershed.	LUS		Short	<i>Continue promotion of rain barrel program through LCG website, social media, and conventional mass media.</i> <i>EQ works with cooperating retail establishments, encouraging store patrons to consider the benefits of rain barrels and become users of the barrels.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.4	Decrease the volume of solid waste going to landfills (or potentially incinerators) through source reduction, reuse, composting of yard and food waste, and recycling.	PW	EQ	Mid	<i>70% of Lafayette Parish households with curbside recycling were audited and received educational information about acceptable items.</i> <i>EQ continues to fund and manage the recycling program for LCG's public buildings</i>	
		7.06	7.6.5	Seek alternative recycling programs to include multifamily residential and commercial buildings in the city of Lafayette.	PW	EQ	Mid	<i>Legal issues regarding the authorization of private companies to collect on private property prevented negotiations of this goal from moving forward. A secured public drop-off location has been established for Lafayette Parish residents, who do not have curbside service, to bring their recyclables.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.6	Expand awareness of the "household chemical day" and continue to accept e-Waste materials to divert electronic materials from landfills.	PW	EQ	Short	<i>Partnered with local organizations to recycle latex paint and with businesses to recycle electronics at this semi-annual event.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.7	Expand the LUS land application (land farming) program within Lafayette Parish to additional farms to reuse biosolids (sludge) that results from wastewater treatment practices.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS analyzes its waste disposal areas and utilizes the most cost-effective solutions available.</i>	
		7.06	7.6.8	Work with parish water districts and municipalities to employ water conservation methods and policies.	DP		Mid		
		7.07	Enhance flood protection in the parish. (Related to Resource Conservation and Hazard Mitigation Policy 5)						
		7.07	7.7.1	Study the establishment of Drainage Utility Districts to adequately fund drainage improvements.	PW		Mid		
		7.07	7.7.2	Ensure adequate and continued maintenance of existing drainage facilities.	PW		Short	<i>Implementing program to undertake deferred maintenance on channels based on priority.</i> <i>Ongoing efforts include roadside and channel excavation, the herbicide of earthen channels, removal of silt from concrete lined channels.</i> <i>Dashboard for public information for schedule for coulee maintenance program.</i> <i>Creation of a Drainage Department for more coordination and accountability.</i>	
		7.07	7.7.3	Establish adequate drainage maintenance easements or servitudes.	PW		Mid	<i>Ongoing effort in securing easements or servitudes which is incorporated in our off-road channel maintenance.</i>	
		7.07	7.7.4	Complete periodic updates of the parish wide Drainage Master Plan.	PW		Short	<i>Drainage Master Plan updated.</i>	
		7.08	Increase energy efficiency and reduce per capita energy use. (Related to Housing & Neighborhoods Policy 15)						
		7.08	7.8.1	Conduct energy audits of public buildings and implement improvements that reduce costs, while improving energy efficiency.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS assists Public Works with evaluation of public buildings as its service provider.</i> <i>Implementation of sensor lighting in public buildings.</i>	
		7.08	7.8.2	Increase outreach and education to LUS customers about cost savings associated with lighting improvements, smart meters, insulation, maintaining systems, and other home energy improvements.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS employs a full-time Utilities Conservation Specialist who performs energy audits and answers questions about energy efficiency.</i>	

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		7.08	7.8.3	Consider workshops and demonstration projects that help to educate the public, real estate professionals, and developers about energy efficiency and indoor air quality.	LUS		Mid	
		7.08	7.8.4	Leverage technology to maximize conservation by citizens using smart meter technology.	LUS		Mid	<i>LUS provides for energy efficiency programs and energy audits through its Utilities Conservation Specialist. LUS is also pursuing new ways to engage customers on electric and water consumption, as well as notifications of non-normal service.</i>
	GOAL 4	ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR NEEDED EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSIONS AND NEW FACILITIES.						
		7.09		Develop and maintain a capital improvement and asset management plan consistent with the FLUM.				
		7.09	7.9.1	Conduct periodic studies to ensure adequate utility rates using cost-of-service methodologies set forth by LUS bond covenants, including adequate funding for capital improvements.	LUS		Long	<i>In November 2016, the City-Parish Council approved a rate ordinance that allowed for a two-year stepped rate increase for electric, water and sewer services. LUS continues to evaluate future capital and O&M needs and rate structures to support.</i>
		7.09	7.9.2	Implement a cost sharing program and set of guidelines for infrastructure expansions, contingent upon a funding source.	LUS		Long	<i>LUS has a betterment agreement ordinance which allows LUS to reimburse developers for certain costs of infrastructure improvements and allows LUS to collect payments from future developments that utilize the capacities of that infrastructure. This keeps LUS costs down and provides for an even playing field for developers.</i>
		7.09	7.9.3	Maintain strong revenues through efficient and reliable operations and enhanced telecommunications while keeping rates competitive.	LUS		Short	<i>Although LUS Fiber revenue has been increasing, expenses have flattened or decreased due to more efficient uses of technology, better utilization of cooperative negotiations of broadcast rights pricing, and an overall awareness of cost-saving measures and smart spending.</i>
		7.09	7.9.4	Strive to obtain and maintain the highest bond rating levels possible, recognizing the uniqueness of LCG and LUS, in order to more cost effectively fund future large scale projects.	DP		Short	
		7.09	7.9.5	Evaluate current practices of selling excess water and power outside of the city as compared to the impact on the revenues of LUS, the city of Lafayette, and on annexation decisions.	LUS		Mid	<i>LCG has entered into electric franchise agreements with Broussard and Youngsville for opportunities to sell electric services in those towns. LUS is evaluating expiring wholesale water contracts to determine potential renewal terms, if warranted.</i>

3.8 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

	GOAL 1	CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIABLE SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS.						
		8.01		Use the FLUM as a guide to engage in long term planning for population growth and police, fire, and EMS facility needs.				
		8.01	8.1.1	Locate new police and fire stations near planned population centers and secure future sites where possible.	DP		Long	
		8.01	8.1.2	Coordinate between police, fire, EMS and other community centers or facilities to co-locate facilities where possible (e.g., community center, health center, police post or station) to reduce costs and gain efficiencies in building construction, parking, maintenance, sharing resources, etc.	PD/FD		Long	<i>LPD utilizes a multi-agency facility at the Clifton Chenier Center along with other LCG departments, LPSO, and AASI. The Departmental also shares a building which houses our Metro Narcotics unit which consists of Lafayette Police Officers and Lafayette Sheriff's Deputies.</i> <i>LPD has completed construction on and staffed the Precinct 4 substation, which is fully functional.</i>
		8.2		Continue to increase community policing efforts and work with community organizations and schools in neighborhoods dealing with higher crime rates.				
		8.02	8.2.1	Increase outreach to the community through bike and walking patrols, neighborhood meetings, and school outreach.	PD		Long	<i>LPD utilizes both a Mounted Unit and officers on bicycles to patrol localized areas for crime prevention purposes as well as routine uniform officers.</i> <i>LPD utilizes a very active Neighborhood Watch Program which implements a variety of initiatives.</i> <i>LPD is active in both the public and private/parochial schools with the School Resource Officer program and regular proactive and reactive intervention by our Youth Services Section. LPD utilizes both a Mounted Unit and officers on bicycles to patrol localized areas for crime prevention purposes as well as routine uniform officers. LPD also engages with the community through monthly Community outreach meetings and our youth Explorer Program.</i>

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		8.02	8.2.2	Use precinct place-based data to target areas for increased patrols to respond to high crime areas or current hot spots.	PD		Mid	<i>LPD maintains regular, weekly COMPSTAT meetings to review information provided in weekly reports. Daily review of pass-ons with increased enforcement in noted areas. Utilization of unmarked vehicles, camera trailers, and plain clothes officers.</i>
		8.03		Coordinate on a regional basis to reduce crime, improve safety, and share resources with the greater region's police and fire districts.				
		8.03	8.3.1	Increase cooperation with state police, Sheriff's Office, Lafayette's municipal police departments, and surrounding parishes to share information, target high crime areas, and share training and staffing resources.	PD		Short	<i>LPD is engaged in both regularly scheduled and "as needed" meetings with law enforcement agencies within Lafayette Parish and surrounding parishes. During monthly LHSC operations area agencies also assist.</i>
		8.03	8.3.2	Provide crime prevention and safety education to Lafayette residents through coordination between police, fire, and EMS, including outreach to those with limited English language skills.	PD		Mid	<i>LPD participates in measures to address crime prevention and safety education with agencies outside of our department that include, but are not limited to, the Lafayette Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. We also have increased our efforts in hiring multi lingual employees.</i> <i>Increased training in this area would greatly benefit the department.</i>
		8.03	8.3.3	Create a feedback loop for implementation of the MPO's Transportation Safety Plan and Safe Routes to Schools between the MPO and the parish's public safety and planning departments.	DP	Planning	Short	
		8.03	8.3.4	Provide for a parish courthouse complex that will meet future demands for public service, including up-to-date technology and safety features, and that is an asset to downtown.	DP			
		8.04		Improve LOS standards and reduce response time for fire districts.				
		8.04	8.4.1	Develop a policy and fee schedule for sharing fire and emergency response services between the city of Lafayette and surrounding municipalities and the unincorporated parish.	DP		Long	
		8.04	8.4.2	Encourage participation in volunteer and paid firefighter employment opportunities and educate students about the type of training and career skills needed.	FD		Short	<i>The department started an Explorer Post program through Scouting to assist in the education and recruitment of potential firefighters.</i> <i>Fire Department participates in job fairs and career days at local schools to educate students about the profession.</i>
		8.04	8.4.3	Encourage planned, phased development that is consistent with the Future Land Use Map, as an approach to help to reduce response times and distance needed to travel between stations and developed areas.	FD		Mid	<i>The development and annexation of property continues to be monitor by the department to maintain adequate fire protection.</i> <i>The fire rating bureau, PIAL, also takes into consideration the type and location of the growth in the city to ensure strategic fire station locations.</i>
		8.04	8.4.4	To facilitate enhanced EMS, fire and police services, require that all new construction adhere to common parish wide address posting guidelines.	DP	Codes	Mid	<i>In the LDC every property owner must display the building address numbered with Arabic numbers not less than four inches in height.</i>
		8.05		Adequately fund and plan for public safety, including police, fire, and EMS services as population grows.				
		8.05	8.5.1	Continue to plan for new stations and staff to serve a growing population, including adjusting staffing models based on density and housing types, through long range strategic plans and capital improvement planning.	FD		Mid	<i>Station 14, 201 Curran Ln. completed in 2016. The construction of Fire Station 15 in the River Ranch area (Settlers Trace and Beaulieu) remains an action item. Planning complete. No construction dollars allocated.</i> <i>Station 3 to be demolished and will replaced in 2020.</i> <i>Station 5 on Johnston St., land swap with UL swap in process to move to Cajundome Blvd. No construction dollars allocated.</i>
		8.05	8.5.2	Clearly communicate the costs of emergency services and benefit to the community.	DP		Short	
		8.05	8.5.3	Evaluate the feasibility of extending the geographic coverage of Animal Control Services to the parish, taking into consideration the potential benefits (opportunities for more volunteers, more foster homes, more people interested) as well as potential costs of additional infrastructure (shelters) and staff.	DP		Mid	

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		8.06	Improve community health and wellness through greater access to health services, reduction in preventable disease, and education.				
		8.06	8.6.1 Partner with health providers to improve access to health and wellness services in underserved areas through siting new locations or considering mobile health centers.	CD		Mid	<i>Rosehouse Health & Wellness Center and Greenhouse Senior Center partners with numerous health and wellness service providers to promote among the senior population on an ongoing basis. Potential to expand to broader population.</i>
		8.06	8.6.2 Create education and promotional materials about the benefits of active living, recreation, and fresh foods for all ages. (Related to Recreation and Open Space 4)	CD		Long	<i>CD provides educational materials and activities to the senior population (55+) via the Rosehouse, Greenhouse, and Art Studio.</i>
		8.06	8.6.3 Work with LPSS and early education providers to ensure that all children have access to quality early education and childcare.	DP		Mid	
		8.06	8.6.4 Work with the Lafayette Transit System to increase service and ensure access to major community health, wellness, schools, and childcare facilities.	LTS		Long	
		8.06	8.6.5 Consider developing a comprehensive mental health services delivery system.	CD		Mid	<i>Supported the preliminary plans to expand a crisis line to Lafayette Parish through the Crisis Response Network, involving the Crouch Foundation.</i>
		8.06	8.6.6 Promote policies that foster communities free of the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) abuse problems and coordinate with LPSS to develop a mandated health curriculum addressing substance use and abuse while promoting overall healthy behaviors.	CD		Long	<i>Although it is not housed within CD, The Knowledge Effect grant program has provided services addressing these issues.</i>
		8.06	8.6.7 Encourage the Parish Health Unit to explore creative service delivery methods and partnerships with LCG, LPSS and other public health entities.	DP		Mid	
		8.07	Promote a healthy community through obesity and chronic illness prevention by encouraging locally-based food production, transportation choices, and physical activity. (Related to Recreation and Open Space Policy 9.3 and 9.4)				
		8.07	8.7.1 Partner with neighborhood and civic organizations and LPSS to increase the number of neighborhood community gardens on vacant properties.	DP		Long	<i>Acadiana Food Alliance, Healthy Acadiana coalition, Earthshare Gardens, LPSS school gardens, Acadiana Master Gardeners, and neighborhood Coteries all lead or promote vegetable gardens around Lafayette.</i>
		8.07	8.7.2 Develop standards in the LDC or other incentives that encourage fresh food access, farmers markets, food cooperatives, and fresh produce or grocery markets.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>LDC Use Table permits most farming activities in all zoning districts and has a Food Market use category for farmer's markets that is allowed in 6 of our 10 zoning districts.</i>
		8.07	8.7.3 Promote participation in recreational programs for all ages through special events and outreach through the media, President's Office, Parks and Recreation Department, health organizations, and LPSS.	P&R		Mid	<i>Healthy Acadiana, a coalition of area agencies and nonprofits, health professionals and citizens, promotes, facilitates and supports a wide range of healthy activity, healthy eating and healthy lifestyle initiatives.</i>
		8.07	8.7.4 Increase healthy foods in schools through partnerships with LPSS and technical and grant assistance from USDA Farm to Schools Program.	DP		Long	<i>LPSS Child Nutrition Services has revised purchasing and procurement guidelines to more easily allow purchase of fresh, locally grown foods and is an active participant in the Louisiana Farm to School program.</i>
		8.8	Reduce and prevent the occurrence of disease, disability, and poor health in the community.				
		8.08	8.8.1 Work with the health community to promote preventative health initiatives which include public health information on current health issues.	DP		Mid	<i>Healthy Acadiana, a coalition of area agencies and nonprofits, health professionals and citizens, promotes, facilitates and supports a wide range of healthy activity, healthy eating and healthy lifestyle initiatives.</i>
		8.08	8.8.2 Support increasing the number of children aged 0-5 receiving recommended well-child examinations through partnerships and education to parents.	DP		Long	
		8.08	8.8.3 Support increasing the portion of people age 40 and over who receive regular exams for early detection of cancer.	DP		Long	

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		8.08	8.8.4 Promote reductions in preventable disease through asthma prevention, pneumonia and influenza vaccination, increased screenings, education, and follow-up procedures for high cholesterol, diabetes, and high blood pressure, and community awareness, prevention, testing, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and Hepatitis B.	DP		Long	<i>DP has been meeting with a Health Coalition to reduce disease through improvements in the built environment.</i>
	GOAL 2	SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LPSS PERFORMANCE.					
		8.09	Work with LPSS to implement its strategic Turn Around Plan in the short term and continue to improve school district educational opportunities and results.				
		8.09	8.9.1 Work with LPSS on facilities planning and continue the development of "Safe Routes to Schools" to encourage safe pedestrian paths with adequate lighting and traffic calming measures.	DP		Short	<i>Construction moving forward on three awarded Safe Routes to School grants.</i>
		8.09	8.9.2 Involve local schools in neighborhood planning efforts and seek to improve connectivity with the surrounding neighborhoods through neighborhood quality strategies, community use of school facilities, before and after school programs, etc.	DP		Short	
		8.09	8.9.3 Support LPSS in identifying and establishing partnerships / alliances that can facilitate the implementation of the Turn Around Plan.	DP		Short	
		8.10	Strengthen planning and coordination between LCG and LPSS to improve forecasts for student and facility needs.				
		8.10	8.10.1 Assist LPSS in forecasting student enrollment and demographic trends and coordinate planning to locate schools and facilities in areas with adequate roads, water, and sewer infrastructure.	DP		Mid	
		8.10	8.10.2 Work with LPSS to evaluate transit needs of high school students and provide solutions to increase transit use.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		8.10	8.10.3 Develop strategies to improve and mitigate transportation management during peak school arrival and departure times.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		8.11	Partner with local businesses and employers to ensure students have an opportunity to gain skills needed in the local workforce. (Related to Economic Development Policy 1)				
		8.11	8.11.1 Assist in leveraging the business community, including LEDA and 1A in connecting directly with students on mentoring and career planning.	DP		Long	
		8.11	8.11.2 Engage business community to support teachers and principals on curriculum development related to career training and opportunity for apprenticeship programs.	DP		Long	
		8.12	Improve community health by increased outdoor play in schools. (Related to Parks and Recreation.)				
		8.12	8.12.1 Develop educational and environmental based programs and activities at local parks and centers.	P&R		Long	<i>Through the Summer Enrichment Program and Special Events, educational programs are established.</i>
		8.12	8.12.2 Provide afterschool recreational opportunities and coordinate with LPSS to encourage student participation.	P&R		Long	<i>Park Programming.</i>
		8.13	Encourage community involvement in LPSS long range planning and decision making.				

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		8.13	8.13.1 Work with LPSS to recommend and adopt acceptable level of service standards for the school district and plan for future school locations and supportive infrastructure.	DP	Planning	Long	
		8.13	8.13.2 Monitor development applications and demographic trends to determine if enrollment level of service standards will be exceeded by planned development and create recommendations for the parish's planning and development review commissions.	DP	Planning	Long	
		8.13	8.13.3 Encourage increased sharing of development application information with LPSS to better project future school needs.	DP	Planning	Short	
	GOAL 3	ENCOURAGE A RANGE OF TECHNICAL TRAINING, ADULT EDUCATION, AND HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN LAFAYETTE.					
		8.14	Coordinate with UL to support implementation of its Master Plan and Guiding Principles to realize the benefits of investment in the urban core. (Related to Community Character Policy 9)				
		8.14	8.14.1 Improve physical streetscape connections from UL along Johnston Street, University Avenue, Bertrand Drive, and St. Landry Street to create a stronger visual relationship with the campus, improve gateways, and create more walkable connections between campus and the surrounding community.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>University Ave. Corridor Project.</i> <i>Congress Road Diet with plans for a streetscape project.</i> <i>Johnston St. intersection improvements.</i>
		8.14	8.14.2 Extend the commercial corridor along Jefferson Street and McKinley Street to connect downtown with Freetown-Port Rico and UL.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Evangeline Corridor Initiative Report and Design Manuals.</i>
		8.14	8.14.3 Continue to strengthen university and neighborhood relations through student participation in community organizations, partnerships with regional nonprofits, and partnerships with local high schools.	DP		Mid	<i>UL Americorps partners with Habitat for Humanity and numerous other local and community nonprofits to connect students with service opportunities in the region.</i> <i>UL's Big Event annually recruits hundreds of students for a day of service/volunteerism throughout Lafayette.</i>
		8.15	Expand research, technology, and economic development through UL's research park and LEDA. (Related to Economic Development)				
		8.15	8.15.1 Support UL's efforts to develop and implement a master plan for growth of the research park.	DP	Planning	Short	
		8.15	8.15.2 Work with LEDA to identify target industry centers and potential tenants.	DP		Mid	
		8.16	Collaborate with the parish's colleges, university, and public school system to increase access to technical schools and colleges and match workforce training with employer needs. (Related to Economic Development)				
		8.16	8.16.1 Work with LEDA to survey area businesses to determine gaps in employee skills sets.	DP		Mid	
		8.16	8.16.2 Encourage low cost adult education and technical training that provides the type of skills employers are seeking.	DP		Short	
	GOAL 4	ENHANCE THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS, LIBRARIES, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS AS CENTERS OF ACTIVITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES					
		8.17	Continue to expand community-based classes, events, and opportunities for neighborhood interaction at the parish's libraries, recreation and senior centers.				
		8.17	8.17.1 Survey residents through community centers and libraries about community interest in different types of classes or groups.	DP	Planning	Mid	

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		8.17	8.17.2 Create theme-based classes focused on health and foods, gardening, book clubs, local culture, arts and crafts, and city and neighborhood planning.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Neighborhood DIY Toolkit.</i>
		8.18	Partner with historic, cultural, and arts-based organizations to enhance programs through Lafayette's public buildings and libraries. (Related to Historical & Cultural Resources, Economic Development)				
		8.18	8.18.1 Create and update free or low cost exhibition space for local historical, cultural, and arts based organizations.	DP		Mid	
		8.18	8.18.2 Partner with organizations to design and install public art in public buildings.	DP		Mid	<i>Ongoing Public Art installations in association with AcA. ArtBox program and installation.</i>
		8.18	8.18.3 Encourage educational and art based sponsored lecture and discussion series at Lafayette's public libraries.	LPLS		Short	<i>The library hosts a wide range of educational programs for children, teen and adults throughout the year. The Lafayette Reads Together community wide reading and learning program is a two month series of programs and lectures involving art, music, science and culture centered around one book title. Other popular lectures series include Beyond Black History Month, Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival, and Bayou State Book Talks.</i>
		8.19	Reduce costs and improve efficiency through increased sharing of resources and facilities, as well as, joint use agreements between agencies.				
		8.19	8.19.1 Integrate public buildings into the community through easy access for pedestrians and bicyclists and as part of mixed-use neighborhood development.	PW		Long	
		8.19	8.19.2 Develop public buildings to high standards of energy efficiency, including sustainable design practices and use of native plants in landscape design, as well as high standards of technology and interconnectivity between public buildings and services.	PW		Long	<i>New landscaping is preferred to be native plants, all regional libraries have the latest technologies available to the public, the West Regional Library has electric car charging stations</i>
		8.20	Encourage development near community facilities and services (e.g., schools, recreation centers, health facilities) to fully utilize existing services and limit duplication.				
		8.20	8.20.1 Strengthen relationships between service providers by encouraging resource sharing and physical linkages between neighborhoods and health providers, recreation centers, and schools.	DP		Long	<i>Potential Partnerships with Lafayette General, Our Lady of Lourdes, and various neighborhood groups.</i>
		8.20	8.20.2 Develop policies to incentivize developments that complement and link to community facilities and services.	DP		Long	
		8.21	Co-locate future community facilities to maximize efficiencies in service provision and reduce capital and operating costs.				
		8.21	8.21.1 Evaluate space needs, departmental roles, and interagency relationships to determine opportunities to maximize collaboration and improve efficiency.	DP		Long	
		8.21	8.21.2 Upgrade public buildings through energy efficiency improvements, modernization, and technology improvements through a coordinated capital improvements program.	PW		Long	
		8.21	8.21.3 Plan for future space needs located in areas best suited to serve the regional population and co-locate public services where possible (e.g., recreation center, health facility, social service facility).	DP	Planning	Long	
		8.21	8.21.4 Increase the number of joint use facility agreements that encourage school playgrounds to serve some of the community's parks needs and schools to serve some of the need for recreational facilities.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Park Programming.</i>

3.9 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

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	GOAL 1	OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LAFAYETTE PARKS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY THE PARISH'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION.					
		9.01	Plan for present and future park and recreation needs and encourage multi-use public spaces that can function in a variety of ways to serve the recreation needs of the surrounding neighborhoods				
		9.1	9.1.1 Create level of service and park classification standards for neighborhood, community and special use parks, and active recreation facilities, based on a community survey of recreation preferences and participation rates and an evaluation of present facility utilization.	P&R		Long	<i>Planning division drafted a Parks Master Plan that classified parks into 5 categories and assessed current parks using national LOS standards and parks accessibility/connectivity to the neighborhood or area.</i>
		9.1	9.1.2 Create LOS standards and minimum park size standards for park classifications that differentiate between the needs of different areas of the urbanized and the rural areas of the parish.	P&R		Mid	<i>Planning division drafted a Parks Master Plan that classified parks into 5 categories and assessed current parks using national LOS standards and parks accessibility/connectivity to the neighborhood or area.</i>
		9.1	9.1.3 Develop a set of evaluation criteria to determine how well each park within the Lafayette park system is meeting the community's needs (e.g., appropriately size for facilities and programs, serves multiple age groups, is connected and accessible to surrounding neighborhood or business district, protects diversity of landscape, contributes to watershed health, etc.).	P&R		Mid	<i>Draft Parks Master Plan provides use, size, LOS and accessibility standards for evaluation purposes.</i>
		9.1	9.1.4 Apply the LOS standards and park classification standards to the current and projected population to determine present and future deficiencies in parks, by classification and recreation facilities.	P&R		Long	
		9.1	9.1.5 Prepare a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan that creates a connected park system and identifies priorities, general locations and funding sources to build and operate future park and recreation facilities. Conduct a survey of community needs in relation to existing parks and recreational facilities, as part of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	P&R		Long	<i>Draft Parks Master Plan produced by the Planning Division.</i>
		9.1	9.1.6 Develop new parks and expand existing parks to address service gaps and recommended growth areas, and plan for long term population growth and demographic shifts that may impact service needs.	P&R		Long	<i>Proposed Linear Parks.</i>
		9.1	9.1.7 Develop a fair cost sharing approach that provides funds from residents throughout the parish, including those in unincorporated areas.	DP		Long	<i>Transferred ownership and maintenance of parks not in the city of Lafayette to the appropriate local administrative authority, to better align expenditures with taxation. Parks transferred: Scott Park to the City of Scott Carenro Park to the City of Carenro Duson Park to the City of Duson Foster Park to the City of Youngsville Arceneaux Park to the City of Broussard</i>
		9.1	9.1.8 Work to service the community with fiber services in recreation centers throughout the city.	LUS		Mid	<i>Parks & Recreation and LUS Fiber have deployed wi-fi in the recreation centers at public parks in Lafayette. Both departments will continue to explore expansion of these services.</i>
		9.02	Increase access and connectivity between and within parks and neighborhoods through a network of safe sidewalks, bike paths/trails, greenways, and transit options.				
		9.2	9.2.1 Improve walkability to parks by filling in gaps in the sidewalk network and building new sidewalks in priority locations, including in areas that connect to parks and recreation sites. (Related to Transportation and Mobility, MPO 2035 Pedestrian Plan).	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Location of parks as pedestrian generators are one of the factors prioritizing ped and bike projects. The draft Parks Master Plan assessed access to public parks and made recommendations.</i>
		9.2	9.2.2 Create a network of trails and bikeways that link parks and recreation centers throughout Lafayette. (Related to Transportation and Mobility, MPO 2035 Bikeway Plan)	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Planning Division has created a map of existing bike infrastructure and has criteria to prioritize future projects that considers pedestrian generators like recreation centers.</i>

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		9.2	9.2.3	Create an integrated greenway network, connecting with the Park at the Horse Farm property as a key location.	DP	Planning	Mid	
		9.2	9.2.4	Increase secure bike parking near entrances to Lafayette's recreational facilities.	P&R		Mid	
		9.2	9.2.5	Improve safety on off-street trails using lighting, directional signage, and ongoing maintenance of trails and surrounding landscape.	P&R		Mid	<i>Parks has continued in-lighting of off-street trails in various parks.</i> <i>Solar lighting installed connecting Vermilionville to Beaver Park on the Atakapas Ishak trail under US 90.</i> <i>UL installed pedestrian lighting on their multiuse pathway in the north campus area.</i>
		9.2	9.2.6	Continue partnering with organizations such as TRAIL (Transportation Recreational Alternatives in LA) to improve trails and bicycle infrastructure in the region. (Related to Transportation and Mobility)	DP		Short	
		9.2	9.2.7	Increase transit accessibility to parks by expanding or planning new routes that have stops within a ¼ mile or 5 minute walk of a park. (Related to Transportation Mobility)	PW	Transit	Mid	<i>Connectivity analysis in draft Parks Master Plan.</i>
	GOAL 2	EXPAND ROLE OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION.						
		9.03		Increase coordination between health providers and Lafayette Department of Parks and Recreation.				
		9.3	9.3.1	Partner with health providers and advocacy organizations to develop opportunities for passive and active recreation that is consistent with the needs of different user groups – children, special needs communities, and seniors.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Healthy Acadiana, a coalition of area agencies and nonprofits, health professionals and citizens, promotes, facilitates and supports a wide range of healthy activity, healthy eating and healthy lifestyle initiatives.</i>
		9.3	9.3.2	Share research and evidence based findings that show improved mental and physical health (reduction of chronic diseases) related to the use and impact of parks and recreation sites.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Healthy Acadiana, a coalition of area agencies and nonprofits, health professionals and citizens, promotes, facilitates and supports a wide range of healthy activity, healthy eating and healthy lifestyle initiatives.</i> <i>Current work is underpinned by evidence-based Social Determinants of Health.</i>
		9.04		Increase utilization of parks and recreational programming in order to improve the health of the Lafayette community.				
		9.4	9.4.1	Develop a promotional campaign to encourage active recreation through walking, biking, and programing currently available in Lafayette's parks and recreational facilities.	DP		Mid	
		9.4	9.4.2	Consider parks and recreation sites that are best suited to host farmers market and/or dedicate space for community gardens and urban agriculture.	P&R		Short	<i>We presently have a farmers market at a park and have dedicated space for community gardens.</i>
		9.4	9.4.3	Partner with school districts to increase educational use of parks (e.g., nature programming) and recreational activity.	P&R		Mid	<i>Park Programming.</i>
		9.4	9.4.4	As maintenance is required, increase variety in parks and playgrounds to serve different needs and provide variety between parks.	P&R		Mid	<i>Develop handicapped playground for special needs children. Currently looking at different kinds of playground units that have handicapped accessibility.</i>
		9.4	9.4.5	Communicate the value of parks and recreational programming.	P&R		Short	<i>Communicating the value of parks and recreational planning through the Parks Annual report.</i> <i>LCG's Communications Department is regularly posting different park amenities on social media sites.</i>
		9.05		Support education through outdoor play and recreation.				
		9.5	9.5.1	Coordinate with the school district, afterschool programming, and community groups in design and programming of parks and recreation centers near schools.	P&R		Mid	<i>After school tutoring programs at various recreation centers.</i>

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		9.5	9.5.2 Encourage outdoor educational programs and "classrooms" that may include special opportunities for science, writing, or environmental projects through partnerships with Lafayette schools similar to the Nature Station in Acadiana Park.	P&R		Mid	<i>Park Programming.</i>
		9.5	9.5.3 Continue to partner with schools and organizations (e.g., Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts) to increase resource and facility sharing through shared use agreements.	P&R		Short	<i>Partnering with the Lafayette Parish School Board with joint facilities usages agreement and with many non-profit organizations.</i>
		9.5	9.5.4 Design parks that become community meeting places with play opportunities that are available to children of all levels of ability.	P&R		Long	
	GOAL 3	UTILIZE PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND WATERWAYS TO EXPAND THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.					
		9.06	Protect the quality of the Vermilion River and its use for passive and active recreation.				
		9.6	9.6.1 Consider requirements to increase landscape buffers or setbacks from the Vermilion River to filter and reduce potential runoff and improve water quality.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>The buffer setback to waterways identified on the drainage plan was increased to 30 ft. in the LDC.</i>
		9.6	9.6.2 Involve the Bayou Vermilion District in the review of all zoning and subdivision review of properties adjacent to the Vermilion River.	DP	Zoning	Short	<i>Currently, BVD does not have the capacity for this review. Environmental Quality has enough leverage with their MS4 permit to require certain protections for the Vermilion.</i>
		9.6	9.6.3 Increase special events (e.g., kayak trips) and educational events that connect or are held at Bayou Vermilion's parks such as Beaver Park, Rotary Point, and Southside Park.	P&R		Mid	<i>Continue working with the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association (BVPA) in working toward BVPA's goal of making river recreation – boating, fishing, and swimming – a priority.</i>
		9.07	Communicate the value of green infrastructure's essential environmental, economic, and social benefits (e.g., community health) to the community.				
		9.7	9.7.1 Work with LCG departments, including the Public Works Environmental Quality Division, to coordinate communications materials, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and create incentive programs to encourage residents to implement stormwater management practices. (Expand public information staff capacity in Administration)	DP		Long	<i>Promote use of "stormwater on-site" on private property (to residents), which means continued and intensified promotion of rain barrels via LCG website, brochures, social media.</i> <i>Ongoing education about rain barrel use and other stormwater practices would be a component of the green infrastructure seminar referenced in Item 7.6.3 ("expand rain barrel program").</i> <i>Fully staffed Communications team housed in the Mayor-President's office.</i>
		9.7	9.7.2 Communicate the numerous benefits of green infrastructure practices to the community through education, the website and social media, and outreach. (Expand public information staff capacity in Administration)	DP		Short	<i>Mail pamphlet to general contractors about benefits of green infrastructure practices (GIPS).</i> <i>Include information on LCG website and use social media to spur interest in GIPS, and work on finding a "case study," which is a private resident who has used various versions of GIPS in new construction or property improvements.</i> <i>Demonstration projects including PW landscaping and City Hall landscape bed.</i>
		9.08	Use parks to improve water quality, increase tree canopy, and connect people with multi-use trails.				
		9.8	9.8.1 Create a connected park system through developing new parks as needed and identified in the Parks Master Plan and increasing trail, bicycle, and greenway connections between parks and recreation centers.	P&R		Long	
		9.8	9.8.2 Create best practices demonstration projects (e.g., rain gardens, pervious pavers, green roofs on parks and recreation buildings, bioswales) and communicate their benefits in Lafayette parks.	PW		Mid	<i>Four demonstration sites were installed as part of a watershed-wide educational initiative called Reviving Resilient Landscapes. Three sites involved "urban tree plantings" at three different parks and the fourth site was focused on bankline restoration and management. Educational kiosks were installed at each site to educate visitors on the role of native plant installations in stormwater management.</i>
		9.8	9.8.3 Prioritize park and recreation sites for planting new trees.	P&R		Short	<i>Trees Acadiana and the 705 have coordinated and provided tree planting in strategic parks.</i> <i>Trees have been planted at Neyland, Acadiana, Oaklawn, and Girard Parks.</i>
		9.8	9.8.4 Develop Camellia Green Park as a demonstration of combining parks, public art, pathways, etc. in corridor design.	P&R		Mid	

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3.10 RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND HAZARD MITIGATION

GOAL 1	CONSERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES					
	10.01	Enhance the protection of aquatic ecosystems including rivers, coulees, and wetlands to improve water quality and stormwater management.				
	10.1	10.1.1 Prepare a comprehensive green infrastructure plan with Low Impact Development strategies for the parish to address stormwater management, modifications to the storm sewer system, and integration with the open space and trails system.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Planning and EQ are collaborating on a green infrastructure initiative called Leading with LID, including inter-departmental coordination for LCG projects, and education/outreach initiatives for public and private partners.</i>
	10.1	10.1.2 Monitor and enhance existing drainage network throughout the parish.	PW		Short	<i>Ongoing effort of replacing failed cross drains and culverts, flushing subsurface systems.</i> <i>Legal Department has issued letters to property owners who are required to perform maintenance and/or restoration to stormwater management facilities that are no longer in compliance with the approved drainage plan for the development.</i> <i>PW has modified and installed several detention ponds as part of a parish-wide flood mitigation plan.</i> <i>Creation of a Drainage Department for greater coordination and accountability.</i>
	10.1	10.1.3 Increase Bayou Vermilion District capacity and involve the district in review of all applications for development within the impacted boundary.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Currently, BVD does not have the capacity for this review. Environmental Quality has enough leverage with their MS4 permit to require certain protections for the Vermilion.</i>
	10.1	10.1.4 Continue to work with agricultural landowners and farmers to reduce animal waste and fertilizers from entering waterways.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>Continue and expand working with BVD to come up with measures to identify and mitigate agricultural runoff (from livestock and crops).</i> <i>Continue and expand working with the following organizations to identify and mitigate runoff for agricultural operations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Soil and Water Conservation District • LSU/Southern Univ. Agricultural Center & Cooperative Extension Service • La. Dept. of Agriculture
	10.1	10.1.5 Increase public education on the benefits of integrated green infrastructure practices in reducing stormwater, improving water quality, and providing potential recreational benefits.	DP		Mid	<i>Ongoing work with BVD and the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association expand the information accessible to the public about the importance of a clean Vermilion River.</i> <i>Educational kiosks and native plant demonstration areas installed in Lafayette Parks through the Reviving Resilient Landscapes initiative, illustrate how native plants contribute to overall community health and improve water quality and watershed management.</i>
	10.1	10.1.6 Create incentives and develop Low Impact Development criteria for residential and commercial developments.	DP	Zoning	Long	<i>LDC changes encouraged multi-purpose stormwater management facilities as a way to meet Open Space requirements.</i> <i>Partnering with Bottle Art Lofts to demonstrate effective commercial scale green infrastructure.</i>
	10.1	10.1.7 Work toward an inspection program for individual septic systems.	DP	Codes	Long	<i>EQ, Community Development, and BVD have partnered to address compliance issues with individual septic systems. Sites that would not or could not come into compliance at the request of BVD and who are ineligible for remediation through Community Development's programs will be referred to EQ for their compliance procedures.</i>
	10.1	10.1.8 Using GIS, create a system for prioritizing waterways in need of buffers and improved water quality.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>The Teche-Vermilion Long-term Water Quality Monitoring Program monitors 18 sites, collecting data monthly. This data collection provides an overall assessment of water quality and pinpoints sources of water quality problems in the watershed.</i> <i>Future goals include using GIS technology to map the data, and focus on problem areas, with assistance from IS&T personnel.</i>
	10.02	Increase the urban tree canopy in established and new neighborhoods, as well as, in newly developing areas.				
	10.2	10.2.1 Develop a consolidated set of street tree planting guidelines that are sensitive to surrounding context and use and align conflicting rules.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Planning staff has developed in coordination with PW, street tree planting guidelines for the public and a Community Planting Permit process.</i>
	10.2	10.2.2 Revise land development codes to encourage tree preservation over tree replacement.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Trees of a certain quality and caliber may offset the planting requirements in the LDC.</i> <i>EQ and Planning are working with several entities to plan and implement a Heritage Tree Ordinance for publicly owned green spaces.</i>

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		10.2	10.2.3	Work with organizations like Trees Acadiana to encourage landowners to plant native trees on their property through grants, incentives, and assistance with installation.	DP	Planning	Short	<i>The Reviving Resilient Landscape workshops in Lafayette Parish focused on the benefits of trees for community and watershed health. LCC collaborated with conservation organizations to host workshops, provide free native trees and plants, expert advice, and hands-on learning opportunities.</i>	
		10.2	10.2.4	Partner with local nurseries to offer discounts or promotions to encourage planting of native trees.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Native trees and plants, given to participants and used in the planting of the demonstration areas during the Reviving Resilient Landscape workshops, were sourced from native plant providers such as local nurseries and the Acadiana Native Plant Project. Acadiana Native Plant Project members regularly propagate and sell native plants that are both beneficial and attractive landscape additions.</i>	
		10.03	Encourage agricultural preservation and local food production. (Related to Community Character)						
		10.3	10.3.1	Work with farmers to identify challenges and barriers to continued farming related to land development and the transportation network.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Local Foods , Local Places EPA Technical Assistance Grant lead to the incorporation of the Acadiana Food Alliance, a nonprofit coalition for farmers, planners, restaurateurs and officials which focuses on strengthening our farms and food infrastructure and produces an annual report on the health of our local food system.</i>	
		10.3	10.3.2	Encourage implementation of best management practices such as integrated pest management, reduced use of nitrogen fertilizers, and increased buffers to limit runoff from farmland to waterways.	DP	Planning	Short		
		10.3	10.3.3	Work with farmers to increase direct sales through farmers markets, u-pick locations, and value added products.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>Local Foods , Local Places EPA Technical Assistance Grant lead to the development of a Strategic Action Plan for the acadiana local food system, resulting in the formation of the Acadiana Food Alliance.</i>	
		10.3	10.3.4	Review agricultural zoning as part of the new LDC process and identify any barriers to farmland conservation.	DP	Zoning	Mid	<i>Developed an Agricultural District in the LDC that could be used outside the city. Most agricultural uses allowed by-right in all zoning districts.</i>	
	GOAL 2	PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY FROM HAZARDS.							
		10.04	Reduce potential property damage and hazard to life through sound site design practices, and building design practices, and locating development away from known hazard areas. (Related to Utilities)						
		10.4	10.4.1	Conduct a risk assessment to determine the potential impacts of hazards to the people and economy of Lafayette by reviewing existing data on hazards, technology, and available protection resources. Include maps of critical facilities and future development areas.	DP	Codes	Long		
		10.4	10.4.2	Continue to require building elevating and flood proofing in the special hazard areas (defined on Flood Insurance Rate Maps as the 100-year floodplain) and address potential hazards through application of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Codes. Review the impacts of existing standards and the need for more stringent building standards where needed.	DP	Planning	Mid	<i>PW passed more stringent drainage requirements. Updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps</i>	
		10.4	10.4.3	Use the results of the risk assessment to create strategies for mitigation (e.g., education and management of onsite stormwater) and to prepare the Emergency Evacuation Plan. (Related to Transportation and Mobility)	CD		Mid	<i>Following the August 2016 floods, Housing & Federal Programs completed a Damage Assessment, which is a potential first step to establish a Risk Assessment.</i>	
		10.4	10.4.4	Explore funding opportunities and innovative programs to implement stormwater capacity in new developments and in public infrastructure projects.	DP			<i>Stormwater detention and retention projects submitted for funding consideration to the new Louisiana Watershed Initiative.</i>	
		10.05	Increase open space and create a green infrastructure network that provides recreational opportunities, helps alleviate stormwater runoff, and assists in protecting the parish from storm hazards. (Related to Parks and Recreation)						
		10.5	10.5.1	Create a green infrastructure network through planning, coordination between departments, easements, and/or land acquisition that is focused on improving resiliency from storm events.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Plantation Park is in the process of being converted to Middlebrook stormwater detention pond.</i>	

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		10.5	10.5.2 Focus on improving health of wetlands plant and animal communities to improve filtering of water and drainage.	DP	Planning	Short	
		10.5	10.5.3 Increase plant buffers along all waterways to reduce erosion and protect properties from flooding, and create a protective zone between waterways and development.	DP	Zoning	Long	<i>Continue to employ retention/detention areas for LCG capital improvement projects, and continue to promote to the public natural/green infrastructure methods for new construction and property improvements.</i>
		10.5	10.5.4 Use guidance on best practices – e.g., Best Practices Manual for Development in Coastal Louisiana – to guide planning and design.	DP		Short	<i>The buffer setback to waterways identified on the drainage plan was increased to 30 ft in LDC.</i>
		10.5	10.5.5 Develop a greenways plan and work with property owners to create easements or other means to provide recreational access (i.e., walking/biking trail) along coulees within Lafayette Parish. (Related to Recreation and Open Space Policy 2)	DP	Planning	Long	
		10.5	10.5.6 Connect waterways to parks and allow community access through trails, signage, boating facilities (e.g., launches, boat rentals), and fishing piers.	DP	Planning	Long	<i>Ongoing work with BVD to create a Vermilion River paddle trail with boardwalk and canoe launch.</i>