

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Kick-off Meeting  
June 24, 2013

## Presentation Overview

- Purpose
  - ▣ Why Complete a Plan
  - ▣ Arlington's *updated* Comprehensive Plan
- Background Information
  - ▣ Past Plans Adopted
  - ▣ Work Completed to Date
- Updating the Plan
  - ▣ Planned Work Scope
  - ▣ Identified Plan Elements
  - ▣ Public Participation
  - ▣ Timeline

## Why Complete a Comprehensive Plan?

### To Address:

- **Growth/Redevelopment** – managing growth while maintaining a high quality of life and retaining what makes a city a unique place to live
- **Housing** – providing a variety of housing options
- **Economic Development** - remaining nationally and internationally competitive
- **Land Uses** - providing a mixture of compatible land uses
- **Transportation** – maximizing mobility and connectivity
- **Environment** – preserving the environment for the present and while renewing it for the future

## Arlington's *updated* Comprehensive Plan

- To outline the City's vision for the future
- To create an all-inclusive document that will help the City address issues it will face in the next quarter century
  - ▣ Last Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1992
- To effectively and efficiently plan for the population growth anticipated
  - ▣ 2030 estimated population - 437,862 (source: NCTCOG)
- To unify the various sector plans
  - ▣ Six sector plans completed between 1997 and 2001

## Arlington's *updated* Comprehensive Plan (cont'd)

### Council Priorities

- Building a Thriving Community
- Enhancing Regional Mobility
- Supporting Quality Education
- Defining an Identifiable Brand

### Horizon Issues

- Housing Supply
- Economic Development / Redevelopment
- Regional Mobility
- Quality Neighborhoods
- Natural Resources Management
- Citizen Relationships
- Strategic Partnerships

## Adopted Plans

- 1990s
  - ▣ Comprehensive Plan (1992)
  - ▣ Sector Plans (1997 – 2001)
- 2000 – 2010
  - ▣ Parks Master Plan (2004)
  - ▣ Downtown Master Plan (2004)
  - ▣ Champion Arlington Economic Development Strategy\* (2006)
  - ▣ Airport Master Plan (2007)
  - ▣ Water Master Plan (2007)
  - ▣ Wastewater Master Plan (2009)
  - ▣ Oak Hill Neighborhood Plan (2008)
  - ▣ Town North Neighborhood Action Plan (2009)
- 2000 – 2010 (cont'd)
  - ▣ Parkview Neighborhood Plan (2009)
  - ▣ Fish Creek Neighborhood Plan (2010)
  - ▣ Lake Port Meadows Neighborhood Plan (2011)
- 2011 – present
  - ▣ Thoroughfare Development Plan (2011)
  - ▣ Hike and Bike System Master Plan (2011)
  - ▣ Skate Park System Master Plan (2011)
  - ▣ Division Street Corridor Strategy (2012)

## To Date

- Visioning Process
  - ▣ *Pathways of Change* completed
  - ▣ Significant public input
    - Stakeholder Groups
    - 33-member Futures Committee
- Identifying Plan Elements
  - ▣ More alignment with City Council priorities
- Release of 2010 Census data
  - ▣ Need to incorporate demographic changes



## Identified Plan Elements

- Neighborhoods
  - ▣ People
  - ▣ Places: housing, historic preservation
  - ▣ Services: public safety, libraries, education
- Economic Development
  - ▣ Diversified Economy
  - ▣ Focus Areas (e.g., GSW)
  - ▣ Workforce Development
- Transportation
  - ▣ Maximizing Existing Infrastructure
  - ▣ Mode choices



## Identified Plan Elements

- Environment
  - ▣ Preservation
  - ▣ Conservation
- Land Use and Compatibility
  - ▣ Land Uses
  - ▣ Redevelopment Opportunities
- Implementation
  - ▣ Adoption of Plans and Ordinances (e.g., Unified Development Code)
  - ▣ Capital Improvement Program



## Project Activities

- Advisory Committee Meetings
  - ▣ Topic specific
- Community Surveys (2)
- Public Input Period
  - ▣ Draft plan out for review
  - ▣ Town Hall meetings
- Adoption Process

