

Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Transportation

Goal 1

Maintain and improve the existing public facilities and utilities in Lexington and develop, as needed, new facilities and services to reflect the community’s needs and demands.

Objective 1.1

Provide public services and education in an efficient and economic manner in order to protect and enhance the safety and welfare of Lexington residents.

Policy 1.1.1

Ensure public services are expanded to keep pace with population growth.

Policy 1.1.2

Continue to maintain and improve school facilities to encourage and support excellence in education.

Policy 1.1.3

Reinforce and develop continuing education programs to address current and future needs of youths, new families, adults and senior citizens. Continue to develop such continuing education opportunities such as English as a Second Language and Spanish Language classes for local adults and professionals desiring to learn a second language.

Policy 1.1.4

Provide adequate law enforcement and fire protection services, with increased emphasis on community relations as well as adequate civil defense and emergency service. Ensure facilities necessary to support such services are available throughout the Community and promote the coordination of these services among the various governmental and quasi-governmental entities.

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Objective 1.2

Preserve and expand existing parks and open spaces throughout the community to provide improved recreational opportunities in Lexington.

Policy 1.2.1

Provide and improve recreation programs for the youth, elderly, persons with disabilities and families.

Policy 1.2.2

Implement a linear hike / biker trails plan to connect existing City parks and buffer varied land uses throughout the Community.

Policy 1.2.3

The City of Lexington should strive to apply for Federal and State programs such as MAP-21 grants to develop linear trails for expanded recreational opportunities for current and future residents.

Objective 1.3

Maintain the provision of facilities and services necessary to prevent pollution of the environment. Provide sewage treatment; refuse collection and disposal, street cleaning, flood control, and similar environmental control processes.

Policy 1.3.1

Provide adequate, efficient and appropriate utilities and services throughout the community of Lexington to existing and future residential, recreational, commercial and industrial areas.

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Policy 1.3.2

Maintain an adequate supply of potable water and expanded distribution system suitable for present and future consumption and fire protection within Lexington.

Policy 1.3.3

Educate developers and the general public on solid waste management and the recycling of materials.

Policy 1.3.4

Coordinate developments with the future land use plan to target the portions of the community ideally suited for development, where all appropriate infrastructures can be extended in a cost effective manner.

Goal 2

Provide an efficient transportation system throughout Lexington for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services.

Objective 2.1

Maintain and adopt a coordinated plan for maintenance, improvement, and future location of all streets, roads, and highways in the community, including paving, curbs, gutters, and street lighting.

Policy 2.1.1

Maintain design standards and policies for various classes of streets, roads and highways to enhance the function and safety of the roadway and street system in Lexington.

Policy 2.1.2

Coordinate the future land use plan and the One- and Six Year Street Improvements Plans, to prepare the City of Lexington for future growth and development.

Policy 2.1.3

New residential developments in Lexington should have appropriate and adequate streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

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Goal 2 (con't.)

Objective 2.2

Downtown Lexington serves as a hub of retail commerce, government, public services and social activities. As such, a renewed emphasis on landscaping and pedestrian movement is recommended.

Policy 2.2.1

Reinforce recent Downtown revitalization efforts by implementing redevelopment techniques such as tax increment financing, historic preservation tax credits and CDBG projects in Downtown Lexington.

Policy 2.2.2

Concentrate efforts within the Downtown to alleviate conflicts between pedestrians and motorized vehicles, particularly along Jackson Street.

Policy 2.2.3

Partially “screen” parking areas with shrubbery and flowering plants to enhance the appearance of the Downtown.

Community & Economic Development

Goal 1

Utilize the Lexington Comprehensive Plan as a community and economic development resource and guide.

Objective 1.1

Maximize economic opportunities for all residents by fostering increased employment and business types in Lexington.

Policy 1.1.1

Foster creation of up to 1,000 new jobs in Lexington, by 2033.