POTTSBORO, TEXAS



Stakeholder Workshop

December 9, 2024





WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES





OBJECTIVES

- Introduce Comprehensive Plan Project & Review Project Outcomes (10 min)
- Mapping Exercise (20 min)
- Visioning Exercise (40 min)
- Identify Community Goals (20 min)







INTRODUCTIONS

About Antero Group

antero GROUP is an interdisciplinary urban planning, civil engineering, and strategic consulting with offices in Texas, Colorado, Illinois, and Indiana.

We work closely with our public and private sector clients to deliver transformative projects that create a more <u>livable</u>, <u>resilient</u>, and <u>equitable</u> built world.

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STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP





PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?



IT IS...

- ✓ A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF POTTSBORO
- ✓ A DECISION-MAKING GUIDE
- √ A BASIS FOR POLICY
- ✓ A BASIS FOR ZONING
- ✓ FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTIVE

IT IS NOT...

- * A ZONING ORDINANCE
- RIGID,UNCHANGINGPOLICY
- *** SPECIFIC IN SCOPE**
- * THE ONLY
 PLANNING TOOL
 USED BY THE CITY

WHO USES THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

CITIZENS

(Residents, business owners, developers)

Use the plan to submit development & zoning proposals to the City



Use the plan to guide policy decisions

Use the plan to guide policy decisions regarding land use and zoning and to develop regulations



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

(Citizens appointed by City Council)

Use the plan to provide policy recommendations to City Council



Use the plan to provide land use and zoning recommendations to the Planning & Zoning Commission





PLAN COMPONENTS AND OUTLINE



PLAN COMPONENTS:





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COMPOSITION:

- Residents
- Local Businesses/Chamber of Commerce
- Community Organizations

- Developers
- Realtor
- Pottsboro ISD
- City Council

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Government Agencies (Grayson County/TCOG)







OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES EXERCISE



OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Future-focused
- ✓ Potential developments and positive outcomes

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Current obstacles & limitations
- ✓ May hinder the community's progress

PURPOSE: To visually identify areas within Pottsboro that present key opportunities and challenges strategies across several categories.



OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES EXERCISE



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- ✓ What are the special places and experiences here?
- ✓ Where can vehicular and non-vehicular mobility be improved?
- ✓ Where should Pottsboro focus efforts for attracting business and economic growth?
- ✓ Are there opportunities to expand Pottsboro's parks and trails?



OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES EXERCISE



Take 10 minutes to place map pins on areas throughout Pottsboro. The colors of the map pins correspond to the following categories. If a future opportunity is coupled with a current challenge, also place a red or map pin.

OPPORTUNITIES

Natural Assets

Economic

Development

Transportation





CHALLENGES

Challenge Area









A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF POTTSBORO





WHAT IS A VISION STATEMENT?

- ✓ A short phrase or paragraph that describes the city's long-term goals, dreams, and aspirations.
- ✓ Outlines the desired future state of a community.
- ✓ The focus of the vision is the distant future (10 years, 20 years, 30 years).
- ✓ It's a foundational part of Pottsboro's Comprehensive Plan.





VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement can help Pottsboro stay on track, unite its team, and encourage everyone toward greater goals.

- What kind of community do we want Pottsboro to be in the future?
- What are the core values and principles that should guide our development?
- How can we balance growth and preservation of our small-town character?
- What kind of amenities and services should we prioritize to improve the quality of life for residents?





WHAT IS A GOOD VISION STATEMENT?

- ✓ Realistic: Grounded in current conditions and achievable goals.
- ✓ Inspiring: Evoking a positive and hopeful future.
- ✓ Concise: Easy to understand and remember.
- ✓ Inclusive: Reflecting the diverse needs and aspirations of the entire community.
- ✓ Actionable: Guiding decision-making and resource allocation.





VISION STATEMENT STRUCTURE

✓ [Community Name] will be a [adjective, adjective] community where [desired quality or characteristic]. We will achieve this by [action verb], [action verb], and [action verb].





VISION STATEMENT EXAMPLE

✓ The City of Bells provides a safe and friendly environment for residents, businesses, and visitors through well-maintained infrastructure and support for sustainable growth that enables economic opportunities and a high quality of life.





WORDS THAT DESCRIBE POTTSBORO (Community Survey Responses)

Peaceful OldSmall town
Rural Small Quiet Lake
Quaint Safe Clean
Community Friendly
Country Home Quite Growing

Underdeveloped Lake Texoma
potential Small town Small-town Clean
Quaint Safe Family Community Streets
Lake Expensive
Relaxing Friendly Peaceful
Country
rural Growing Small Quiet
Lake life HomeBeautiful Poor
Convenient Hometown Affordable

Small town
Potential Quite Country Great Beautiful
Rural Community Schools Family
Relaxing
Peaceful Friendly Small Isolated
Growing Lake PoorSafe Quiet Close
Opportunities Welcoming Fun Neighbors
Supportive Unprepared





WHAT MAKES POTTSBORO UNIQUE? (Community Survey Responses)

close big Proximity Lake Texoma larger cities thrive proximity lake nice citizens small businesses great makes Nothing small town feel restaurantsnear Lake access life Lake Texoma love people close lots enough amazing big city live families Community small quiet way everyone friendly still countrylocation feels safe rural city small town s lake Pottsboro home looks area shopping small community amenities town close lake Library safe businesses need neighbors activities much wonderful charm sense community Better schools know Texoma comes Everyone knows everyone conveniences close Pottsboro still



VISIONING EXERCISE: Instructions



- ✓ Silence phones/electronic devices
- ✓ Allow everyone time to contribute
- ✓ Share your own ideas and concerns
- ✓ Listen to each other and respect perspectives
- ✓ Look for shared interests

- ✓ Try to answer all questions
- ✓ Work together to reach consensus or general agreement
- ✓ Select one person to report your group results



VISIONING EXERCISE: Brainstorming



Take 10 minutes to individually consider the following questions and jot your answers down on your notepad.

- 1. What are Pottsboro's greatest strengths?
- 2. What are the biggest challenges facing Pottsboro?
- 3. What things should stay the same in tomorrow's Pottsboro?
- 4. What things should change in tomorrow's Pottsboro?



VISIONING EXERCISE: Collaboration



Divide into groups of five. Take the next 15 minutes to:

- 1. Discuss your individual responses within your group.
- 2. Create a vision statement that best describes Pottsboro in 2045.
- 3. Make the statement brief and easy to understand but memorable and inspirational.
- 4. It should provide direction for the future of the community.
- 5. It should address your answers to the previous questions.
- 6. Select one person from your group to present your statement.



VISIONING EXERCISE: Presentation



Group leads will now present their group's vision for 2045 (10 minutes)

1. Be prepared to explain your group's reasoning behind your vision statement.



2019-2025 POTTSBORO VISION PLAN



VISION STATEMENT:



The City of Pottsboro, Texas, will be a place where education and life-long learning are values, where there is a sense of civic pride, and where healthy, active lifestyles find a home in which the natural resources supporting those lifestyles are valued.



VISIONING EXERCISE: Ranking



Grab a marker, and let's vote. (5 minutes)

- 1. Consider each group's vision statement.
- 2. Individually, identify the message that resonates with you most and place a tally mark underneath the vision statement that best aligns with your vision.



DRAFT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES



GOALS

General statements concerning an aspect of Pottsboro's desired ultimate physical, social, and/or economic environment.

Example Goal:

"Ensure the long-term sustainability of Pottsboro's water resources by identifying and prioritizing future water infrastructure needs, including water supply and wastewater treatment."

- Attract and retain businesses that create jobs and contribute to local economy.
- Preserve and enhance the unique character and community identity of Pottsboro.
- Identify and implement projects that strengthen Pottsboro's resilience to natural disasters like drought and winter weather storms.
- Improve the quality of life for residents by enhancing public spaces, parks, and recreational facilities.









QUESTIONS?