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Chapter 2. Vision, Goals & Objectives

The preparation of the 2010 Red Bud Comprehensive Plan included an extensive and structured program of citizen involvement. This section presents the citizen defined issues and recommendations that helped develop the overall vision for the future of Red Bud and better understand the values held by the community. The following is a summary of the public engagement activities that were conducted in the preparation of the Red Bud 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

Section 2.01 Steering Committee

A Steering Committee comprised of members from the City's Planning and Zoning Committee, City Council and City Staff was created to help monitor the planning process and update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Steering Committee met with the Consultant on a monthly basis to provide a local perspective of the various planning elements as they relate to the City's Comprehensive Plan update. The Steering Committee also served as a sounding board as the Consultant reported monthly findings, observations, and recommendations. These meetings were open to the public and often included City Staff and members from the City's various decision making bodies. Each meeting contained a different agenda and included discussions regarding the comprehensive planning process as well as the City's past, present, and anticipated future land use issues. The Steering Committee consisted of the following individuals:

2010 Red Rud Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee Members

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| 1. Richard Roehrkasse , P&Z Chair | 7. Andrea Letcher, P&Z |
| 2. Hon. Ken Mueller, Mayor | 8. Dan McCarthy, P&Z |
| 3. Glenn Gielow, Council Liazon | 9. John Holzum, P&Z |
| 4. Jeff Mueller, Code Admin | 10. Harold Cowell, P&Z |
| 5. Barton Miller, P&Z | 11. Vic Mohr, Jr, P&Z |
| 6. Albert Gregson, P&Z | 12. Tim Landgraf, P&Z |



Section 2.02 Stakeholder Interviews

A series of Stakeholder Interviews were conducted with individuals who represented the wide range of views shared by others in the community regarding future growth, development, preservation and public services/facilities. The one-on-one interviews helped obtain, first hand, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the City of Red Bud. The stakeholders included:



Individual Stakeholders

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| 1. Bob Ashley | 6. Mike Reed |
| 2. Gary Buatte | 7. Norm Roy |
| 3. Kevin Miller | 8. Rodney Nevois |
| 4. Mark Nebel | 9. Charlie Mudd |
| 5. Mike Kuhn | 10-11. Mr. & Mrs. Ohms |



Section 2.03 Town Planning Workshop I

The first Town Planning Workshop was held on April 21, 2009 on the campus of the Southwest Illinois College (SWIC). The consultant provided a brief presentation of the comprehensive planning process and Red Bud’s past comprehensive planning efforts. The participants were divided into strategic planning groups and instructed to discuss various planning issues and identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats facing the City of Red Bud. When the teams completed discussing each prepared planning issue and recording their recommendations, a representative from each team presented the team findings. Although each team was given workbooks containing different discussion topics or topics worded differently, the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats summarized by each team were very similar. Consensus was built when the final teams presented their findings, with very little to report that was not already addressed in the previous team presentations. The following individuals participated in the Workshop:





Town Planning Workshop I Participants



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| 1. John Hotlzman | 10. Dan McCarthy |
| 2. Christi Johnston | 11. Ann Linnertz |
| 3. Al Creigson | 12. Rod Nevois |
| 4. Barb Moeller | 13. Joe Gorman |
| 5. Rick McCarthy | 14. Sharie Heller |
| 6. Susan Harbaugh | 15. Jared Heller |
| 7. Tina Steibel | 16. Glenn Gielow |
| 8. Roger Henry | 17. Richard Roehrkasse |
| 9. Mike Reed | 18. Bart Miller |
| 10. Glenn Linnertz | |

Section 2.04 Town Planning Workshop II

The second Town Planning Workshop was held on June 10th 2009 at the Lau-Nae Winery. The workshop was directed towards young adults, homeowners and future leaders of the city. The Workshop helped identify key planning issues and formulate identifiable needs, opportunities and constraints as determined by the City’s resident population. The following individuals participated in the Workshop:



Town Planning Workshop II Participants

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| 1. Sharie Heller | 12. Angie Cartee |
| 2. Jared Heller | 13. Kevin Cartee |
| 3. Glenn Gielow | 14. Jennie Walker |
| 4. Richard Roehrkasse | 15. Jeremy Walker |
| 5. Tammy Moll | 16. Chris Lieter |
| 6. Dan McCarthy | 17. Shawn Woods |
| 7. Glenn Linnertz | 18. Lori Woods |
| 8. Bart Miller | 19. Simon Huang |
| 9. Jenny Fadler | 20. Child under 18 |
| 10. Lou Brett | 21. Child under 18 |
| 11. Matt Mollet | |

Section 2.05 Town Planning Workshops III

The third Town Planning Workshop was held on July 27th 2009 at “The V”. The Workshop was directed towards the City’s elected and appointed officials and focused on Red Bud’s business community and economic stability. There were two presentations. The first was a presentation by the Mayor and addressed the City’s past long range planning efforts and provided a brief summary of





the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update. The second presentation was conducted by the planning consultant and provided an overview of the statutory requirements for comprehensive plans and a more in depth overview of the status of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update. Following the presentations, the participants were instructed to begin an open, inclusive discussion of several prepared topics that facilitated a review of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats facing Red Bud. The following individuals participated in the Workshop:



Town Planning Workshop III Participants

1. Hon. Ken Mueller
2. Bill Hanebett
3. Clarence Nail
4. Ben Glebert
5. William Guebert
6. Ryan Luebkeermann
7. Sara Heller
8. Barry Miller
9. Dennis Brawn
10. Andrea Letcher
11. Dan McCarthy
12. Richard Roehrkasse
13. Jeff Mueller
14. Glenn Gielow
15. Glenn Linnertz

Section 2.06 The Vision for the Future of Red Bud

The Red Bud comprehensive planning process helped define what residents want Red Bud to be in the next 10-20 years. The community participants recommend balanced and carefully planned growth, neighborhood stability, restorative downtown development and open space preservation. The participants also propose new planning initiatives such as developing quality neighborhoods supported by an integrated park systems and diversified retail and commercial choices. The vision developed for this Plan was derived from the comments, recommendations and values recorded during the public engagement process. The following citizen-defined vision is provided as part of this Plan to help guide the city into the 21st Century:

“Preserve the City’s small-town character while promoting a livable, well-planned community through managed growth, an enhanced park & recreation system, and sustained economic development and downtown revitalization efforts.”



MOTTO: “Progress with Tradition”

The motto, “Progress with Tradition” evolved during the public engagement process as the preferred manner in which residents and business owners would like to see the City developed. The motto is included herein to help provide a common brand or theme to help guide the city’s future land use, preservation, development and redevelopment decisions.

Section 2.07 Goals & Objectives Overview

The goals adopted for the Red Bud Comprehensive Plan Update represent measurable conditions that Red Bud should strive to achieve in the next 10-20 years. This plan update also includes several objectives and implementation strategies that provide the focus and direction needed to obtain the preferred future. The implementation strategies form a work program the City should follow to achieve the vision, goals and objectives adopted as part of this plan. Some strategies are clear actions the City should take; others are recommendations for additional planning work, more study or further public input.

The formulation of a vision, goals and objectives is a critical process in the preparation of a comprehensive plan. Goals are general statements that address the City’s long-range plans and desired outcomes. They provide the framework upon which the objectives of the comprehensive plan are based. Objectives more specifically define how a goal will be achieved. The next level, policies or implantation strategies, discussed in greater detail in the Implementation Section, provide physical actions or steps that help further explain and define the goals and objectives. The stability and future growth of Red Bud depends directly on its ability to provide the desired public services, facilities, opportunities and community amenities. These and other factors that influence the growth of Red Bud have been considered in the development of the following goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives developed for this plan respond to the critical issues raised during the Town Hall Meetings, interviews with stakeholders and the conditions observed and researched during the formation of this plan. The goals and objectives will assist public officials in guiding their decisions relating to services, land use development, and neighborhood preservation. Obtaining these goals will require the coordination and leadership of all levels and forms of government, both internal and external to the City, plus strong support from community groups and private enterprise. The goals and objectives have been broken down, in no particular order, into the following seven (7) planning elements:

1. Downtown Revitalization
2. Future Commercial & Industrial Development
3. Quality of Life
4. Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization
5. Transportation
6. Parks
7. Community Services



In addition to the following goals, objectives and implementation strategies, Chapter 3 (*Community Facilities & Services*) and Chapter 4 (*Future Land Use Plan*) also provides recommendations and land use policies that, when implemented, create a more livable community that retains and attracts residents and businesses.

Section 2.08 Comprehensive Plan Goals

1. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

GOAL: Promote investment in the City's central business district in order to attract and retain businesses, revitalize downtown and increase commercial and entertainment opportunities that attract people.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Encourage the cooperation of all business and civic groups with an interest in the downtown to work together in a unified effort to enhance the downtown experience.
- b) Create and support a Downtown Redevelopment / Main Street Program and/or group and charge them with the development and implementation of a downtown master plan that addresses façade design & preservation, streetscape beautification, the development of updated ordinances, parking analysis, financing, maintenance, marketing and business recruitment.
- c) Identify and procure funding for infrastructure projects that improve the accessibility and increase the duration and frequency of visits to the Downtown. These projects include, but are not limited to, the implementation of solutions that improve vehicular and truck flow at the 4-way, the development of outdoor people gathering spaces, public parking areas, streetscape enhancements, and improved sidewalks and bike routes.
- d) Encourage the restorative development and re-occupancy of vacant buildings and discourage landowners from allowing properties to deteriorate, especially when located in highly visible areas.
- e) Create a special planning district or overlay that facilitates the preservation and adaptive reuse of Downtown Red Bud.
- f) Create a special improvement district (e.g. TID, NID, etc) to share the costs of public improvements such as the installation/improvement of sidewalks, street lighting, adequate parking provisions, and other site amenities such as landscaping and the creation of outdoor meeting places.
- g) Invest time and resources in the development, enhancement and promotion of community events, exhibits, decorations and festivities that capitalize on Downtown Red Bud's heritage and social, professional, seasonal, recreational and entertainment opportunities.



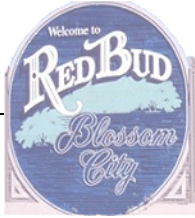
- h) Update the city's zoning code to allow a mix of uses in the Historic Downtown, such as lofts, boutique style specialty shops, restaurants, hotels/B&Bs and entertainment establishments, rather than relying on retail or restaurant users alone.
- i) Develop design guidelines requiring redevelopment plans to promote the historic character of Downtown Red Bud through continued enhancements of façades, streetscape improvements and other site improvements.

2. FUTURE COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

GOAL: Enhance the physical, social and economic character of Red Bud and proactively recruit a strategic mix of commercial uses, clean industries and other enterprises that are responsive to future economic opportunities.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Hire or train someone to research the availability of funding, grants or other community development opportunities and to write grants/applications to obtain available funding or assistance from both public and private sources.
- b) Encourage existing businesses to provide services, merchandise and maintain hours that are responsive to the community's needs. *Currently businesses close too early and are not open on weekends.*
- c) Develop programs to attract clean industrial land-uses into the city's existing industrial areas and future industrial growth areas as shown on the Future Land Use Map. Targeted uses should include technology based enterprises, green industries, warehousing, light assembly, manufacturing and transportation distribution.
- d) Develop an economic diversification policy that facilitates long term economic stability and reduces the City's economic dependence on a few industries.
- e) Promote the recruitment and expansion of commercial uses that establish viable retail development "niches" and/or cater to the daily needs and lifestyles of the City's resident population and daytime workforce. These uses include, but are not limited to an internet café, coffee house, tea room, dry cleaner, specialty food/beverage store, discount grocery store, specialty shops, high-end clothing and apparel boutiques, outdoor outfitters, fitness/wellness providers, sit-down restaurants and other establishments that provide a place for people to gather, shop, work and linger as well as attract tourists.
- f) Attract public and private investment to improve the appearance of commercial corridors including building rehabilitation for new and existing uses, streetscape improvements, and other public enhancements.



- g) Improve and maintain the supply and quality of Red Bud's work force and promote local employment opportunities for Red Bud residents to maximize the number of Red Bud residents who work in Red Bud. Providing jobs within the City helps reduce spending outside the city and increases revenue within the City.
- h) Work with SWIC and the Red Bud Regional Hospital to provide worker training and retraining that meets the needs of existing and anticipated businesses.
- i) In accordance with the Chamber's goals, conduct and promote the "Shop Red Bud First" campaign.
- j) Develop and promote special events to attract visitors to the area. Work with the local tourism related entities to develop a calendar of year round events. Build upon the many successful seasonal events that are already part of the Red Bud community and culture.
- k) Promote Red Bud as a weekend getaway, with the intent of increasing the frequency and duration of visits to the city, specifically to the Downtown area.
- l) Promote and restore Red Bud's economic health, community pride, and quality of life via the City's website, gateway entry signage, events, commercials and marketing campaigns. Assets to promote include the low cost of living, revolving loan program, SWIC, Red Bud Regional Hospital, Red Bud's workforce, Economic Development Committee/Industrial Committee, schools, athletic teams, churches, metal working skills, the Kaskaskia River, the Kaskaskia Port District and Red Bud's family-friendly atmosphere. These are all tremendous assets that need to be promoted.
- m) Encourage commercial development where commercial development or commercial zoning already exists and at strategic nodes or intersections, along Market Street & Main Street (Route 3) and within the City's current or anticipated growth areas as shown on the Future Land Use Map and within the City's Historic Downtown District.
- n) Encourage new industrial development to the east along IL Route 154 as shown on the Future Land Use Map. Locate industrial uses in the existing platted industrially zoned areas which are already served by improved roads and infrastructure prior to permitting new industrial sites.
- o) All future development should be buffered from adjoining residential uses and should adhere to the principals of low impact development.
- p) As the population ages, the percentage of income spent on housing related costs and medical expenses will increase. The housing, medical and related retail industries that provide the aforementioned services will benefit from the increased demand. The City should encourage the development of these markets and service delivery sectors.

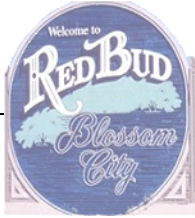


3. QUALITY OF LIFE

GOAL: Promote community beautification, character enhancement and quality of life by preserving Red Bud's small-town character, agricultural roots, employment opportunities and strong residential neighborhoods.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Continue to maintain the city's low cost of living through the provision of quality, competitively priced public services and reasonable tax rates. Police, Fire, Water, Sewer, Parks and other City Services are currently very good, the intent of this plan is to maintain the current level of service and expand only as needed to accommodate growth.
- b) Address quality of life issues such as the perception and/or reality of crime, safety, property maintenance and cleanliness in Ward 3 and other areas of the city where property maintenance or safety are a concern.
- c) Preserve the areas' agricultural land, open spaces and other resources that characterize Red Bud's small town atmosphere, agrarian roots and make Red Bud a great place to live.
- d) Provide access to a wide range of social, cultural, recreational and entertainment events and facilities that enrich community life and promote active lifestyles.
- e) Develop plans for major entrances into the city to create an aesthetically pleasing gateway corridor leading into the community. Gateways serve as a focal point, and can consist of monument structures/signage, distinctive building designs or unique landscaping and lighting schemes.
- f) Maintain and build upon Red Bud's existing medical, educational, social and recreational successes. Promote and encourage active lifestyles by providing the necessary services and facilities, specifically a community center, which is needed to enrich the lives of Red Bud residents and maintain the city's quality of life and healthy lifestyles.
- g) Require the installation of quality landscaping along roadway rights-of-ways and parking areas and promote the use of landscaped berms, vegetation and decorative screening to provide buffering between different zoning districts and/or uses.
- h) Expand City parks where practical to include the use of environmental corridors and bike lanes on specific streets to form linear park-like corridors that are fully and easily accessible from all districts within the City without automobile travel.
- i) Require all future development, including stormwater and utility improvements, to provide sidewalks and/or easements for the installation of future bicycle/pedestrian trails.



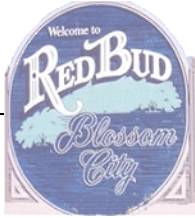
- j) Promote the development of a community center that includes an outdoor aquatic facility, indoor pool, weight room, indoor recreation, childcare, meeting/banquette areas, a library and concession stand or café / coffee shop that offers wifi and casual places to gather.

4. HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

GOAL: Preserve the character and stability of the existing neighborhoods, promote reinvestment in the city's older residential areas and promote the development of new, high quality residential development that offers a balanced range of housing options within the City's residential growth areas as shown on the Future Land Use Map.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Promote efforts that make the city more attractive to working families by improving housing options and other services that are attractive to working families.
- b) Encourage a balanced range of high quality housing options that meet all socio-economic needs and ensure a variety of residential land uses, including assisted living facilities, multi-family development and planned residential subdivisions.
- c) Support and encourage the development of neighborhood organizations that promote civic activities and empower homeowners to maintain their properties and patrol the neighborhoods. (I.E National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, etc)
- d) Research available home improvement and low-income housing grants and provide applications for the applicable grants (Federal and State) at City Hall. Sponsor programs to raise awareness and promote the utilization of grants to help improve and maintain the city's housing stock, specifically those of elderly and low-income homeowners.
- e) Require new residential subdivisions to incorporate lighting, sidewalks, outdoor gathering places and trails into their design in order to provide common space for personal interaction and enhance outdoor living and safety. Encourage retrofits to older subdivisions that include the same quality of life/safety measures. (*Neighborhoods are too dark and do not offer adequate pedestrian/bike circulation*)
- f) Promote the removal of trailer homes, mobile homes not located within a mobile home park and dilapidated homes with quality, market-driven, infill housing that blends with the existing neighborhood.
- g) Develop planning and development regulations that protect residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of incompatible activities or land uses that may have a negative impact on the residential living environment.
- h) Promote and initiate annexation efforts that are consistent with the Future Land Use Map, the provision of infrastructure and the timing, type and density of future development.



- i) Continue current code enforcement efforts as needed to prevent property deterioration and to protect property values.
- j) Continue to designate funds in the City's Capital Improvement Program to finance infrastructure needs such as sidewalks, lighting, street improvements, water lines and sewer lines.
- k) Develop incentives to help meet the demand for affordable housing, such as "rent-to-own" programs, low-interest loans, etc.
- l) Promote financing programs for home repairs and maintenance (target low income, disabled, and elderly) to help sustain the City's current supply of affordable housing.

5. TRANSPORTATION

GOAL: Provide and maintain a transportation system that offers safe and effective vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle circulation and maximum economic development potential.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Improve the connectivity of the City's transportation system to help reduce emergency response times, improve traffic circulation, and reduce the dependence of vehicular travel by reducing VMT (vehicle miles traveled).
- b) Run Field Street through to Country Club Drive.
- c) Pursue the Route 3 connector by installing a connection through the Lutheran Property south then west between Lincoln Park and SWIC to South 4th Street. Include landscaping and lighted multipurpose walkway along the recommended connector.
- d) Procure funding and install safer walkways and crosswalks connecting to the city's neighborhoods, parks, schools, churches and downtown
- e) Procure funding and install better signage and wayfinding.
- f) Resurface Bloom Street.
- g) Identify locations for a public parking lot in the downtown area without compromising the historic character of the downtown. Locate the parking lot or lots behind structures to hide them from views.
- h) Conduct a feasibility study of the four-way downtown and along Locust and Bloom-to determine what can be done to reroute trucks away from downtown.
- i) Make sure any infrastructure upgrades occurring along Routes 3, 154 and 159 go beyond basic engineering and result in improvements that serve as economic catalysts for the city and region.



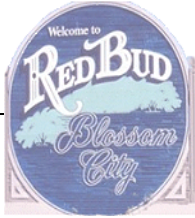
- j) All new streets should include the installation of sidewalks, pedestrian level lighting, street furniture, street trees and landscaping. Sidewalks should be required on both sides of all residential streets unless alternative pedestrian routes are available.
- k) Implement access management techniques along all major arterials as recommended in Chapter 5 Transportation Plan.
- l) Consider traffic calming measures along Locust Street and at all pedestrian crossings to reduce vehicular speeds, increase driver awareness and help establish right-of-way for pedestrian users. Traffic calming measures may include but are not limited to, alternative paving materials, on-street parking, lighting, landscaping, reduced lane widths, choke points, traffic circles or any combination thereof that reduce apparent or actual street width and protects pedestrians from moving traffic.
- m) Promote and facilitate the creation of gateway features such as professional landscaping, thematic plantings, monument signage and other aesthetic features at the City's primary, secondary and transitional gateways.
- n) Manage and maintain the current transportation system assets, capacities and levels of service.
- o) Ensure that congestion on the City's roadways does not reach levels which compromise the economic competitiveness for Red Bud businesses or the quality of life for Red Bud residents.
- p) Adopt a holistic approach to future transportation planning that considers land use, transportation, economic development, environmental quality, and community aesthetics in all transportation decisions to ensure planned improvements meet today's needs without compromising the ability to address the needs of future generations.
- q) Update the City's sign ordinance and create updated ordinances or standards that help create a consistent, more desirable physical and visual streetscape.

6. PARKS & RECREATION

GOAL: Continue to maintain, enhance and expand the City's parks and recreation system and work towards the development of a full-service community center.

Objectives & Implementation Strategies

- a) Promote the development of a community center that includes a senior center, water park, indoor and outdoor play areas, gym, theatre, classrooms, meeting rooms to accommodate large gatherings, a library, places for people to purchase snacks and refreshments and places for people to linger.



- b) The City should require new development to provide parks and open space designed as an integral part of the new development. Linear parks and trails should be incorporated into the design of new development to ensure they tie into existing or proposed trail/greenway plans.
- c) Continue the current level of maintenance and reinvestment in the city's existing parks and recreation facilities.
- d) Consider upgrading the City's pool in conjunction with the development of a new community center and eliminating the old pool facility.
- e) Identify locations for the installation of soccer fields and conduct a survey among residents regarding future park uses to gauge their support for said installation.
- f) Promote events and activities that showcase local artisans, sportsmen and other athletes.
- g) Support improvements, as needed, to keep pace with the latest trends in park and recreation services, facility market demands and the acquisition of additional parkland and the establishment of open spaces, greenbelts and trails as needed to serve the City's growing population.
- h) Promote outdoor recreation tourism. Red Bud is in a unique geographic position to capitalize on ecotourism, agri-tourism, conservation and recreational opportunities throughout southeastern Illinois.
- i) Promote the expansion of the Country Club to include 18 holes.

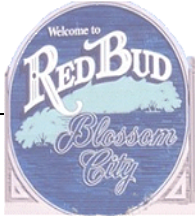
7. COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES

GOAL: Ensure the availability of public facilities, infrastructure and emergency services that adequately serves Red Bud's present and future needs. These facilities and services include water, sewer, stormwater, cable, roads, schools, police, fire, parks and other general services.

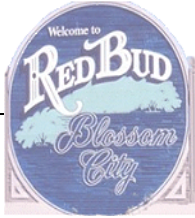
Objectives & Implementation Strategies

The city will need to be prepared to provide the level and type of services and amenities demanded of an aging population, while also providing the housing, services and quality of life factors that attracts and retains young adults and children. The availability of good salaried jobs, diversified housing options and entertainment/cultural attractions are key considerations that the City should consider to attract young adults while also serving the needs of the aging population, along with the following quality of life objectives and implementation strategies;

- a) Continue to incrementally upgrade aging infrastructure. This helps avoid costly one-time expenditures and allows the city to spread the costs out over several years.



- b) Provide funding for another police dispatcher and continued investment to ensure the City's patrol cars and officers are outfitted with the latest in technology and safety features.
- c) Continue the support and financial resources needed to maintain an effective code enforcement staff.
- d) Develop an emergency preparedness manual, co-authored by each department head or chief, and adopted into city policy.
- e) Seek out a single trash hauler / recycling provider and obtain a city-wide comprehensive trash contract for all residential areas. Make sure the contract includes seasonal yard waste removal, recycling and annual bulk and white goods pick-up services
- f) Provide annual evaluations of the City's park and recreation services, public safety, public transportation, housing assistance, and water and sewer services to ensure they meet the needs of the city's resident population.
- g) Promote compact, low impact development throughout the community. Compactness can be achieved by encouraging development adjacent to the existing built area rather than allowing "leap-frog" development, which skips over large tracts of undeveloped land. A second means of increasing service delivery efficiency is to cluster those land uses which have the greatest need for fire and police protection, such as high value commercial uses or industrial uses. Clustering will allow the concentration of services and infrastructure and minimize costly utility runs, service calls and infrastructure costs.
- h) Provide upgrades as needed to City Hall to ensure it continues to be a central part of the Historic Downtown and adequately provides the necessary office, storage and meeting needs of City government.
- i) Continue to evaluate the need for upgraded or improved public safety services and identify appropriate locations for the development of new facilities to accommodate future growth needs.
- j) Formulate an annexation policy based upon future growth patterns, the City's ability to provide public facilities/services and suitability of land for development.
- k) Concentrate capital investments into areas that are contiguous to currently developed land and that are currently or easily served by existing facilities
- l) Require new development to install sidewalks, landscaping, preserve trees and share in the cost of the construction of other infrastructure improvements.
- m) Initiate development agreements that help pay for the direct and indirect costs of new infrastructure development.



Section 2.09 Summary

Red Bud strongly desires to retain its small town, family-oriented atmosphere, while recognizing the diverse and evolving needs and desires of its citizenry. In order to maintain and enhance Red Bud's quality of living and promote its economic stability, the City must continue providing excellent municipal services and develop innovative approaches to encourage on-going investment within the community.

Red Bud is well known for its established single-family residential neighborhoods that enhance and reinforce the City's family-friendly atmosphere. The City's school and park systems, low property taxes and central location are also factors that need to be preserved and enhanced to ensure Red Bud is a great place to live, work and raise a family. The purpose of the goals and objectives presented in this Chapter is to show how these two key issues (neighborhood stability and economic diversification) can be addressed while simultaneously ensuring that Red Bud maintains its family-oriented character and grows responsibly.