# New Smyrna Beach Strategic Action Plan

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# Background

 In 2019-2020 the City of New Smyrna Beach conducted a series of commissioner one on one meetings, staff round table discussions, public meetings and workshops in an effort to develop a Strategic Plan.

- The results of this effort focus on five consensus Strategic Topics
  - 1. Communication and Trust
  - 2. Quality of Life Measures
  - 3. Growth Management
  - 4. Environmental & Resiliency
  - 5. Transportation & Circulation



#### **Communication and Trust**

**Mission:** New Smyrna Beach will be a community of trust, transparency, inclusion and respect so that potential opportunities and complex issues can be discussed in a thoughtful and balanced way for the future of New Smyrna Beach.

- More specific Commission workshop sessions on these identified strategic topics
  - Discussion on session time frames & topics
- Facilitate Stronger Engagement/Participation with Westside
  - Will encourage community involvement, on-going dialogue with community leaders like Pastor Pete.
- Promote Diversity participation.
  - Staff continues to communicate important items publicly for resident awareness. Facilitate community events to engage community and encourage community involvement. Next event 2023 Q2 Heart of the Community Event.
- Facilitate constructive public involvement for development West of I-95
  - Working to schedule town-hall meeting to discuss oppurtunities
- Interactive City map
  - Map prototype online, working on defined workflow for periodic updates



#### Quality of Life Measures

- Mission: New Smyrna Beach will preserve and enhance the shared quality of community life across the spectrum of physical/environmental, economic opportunity and social/cultural aspects of the community.
  - Develop Clear Metrics for Identified Quality of Life/Character Factors
    - Staff developed Annual Performance Measures Report in June available for review
  - Develop a strategic working group and partnerships regarding homeless issues, services and peer city success models.
    - Homeless Outreach Officer working on updating map of homeless camps, meeting with Homeless & Disadvantaged Grant working group
  - Develop Long Range Plan AOB Site
    - Working on proposal using F.I.N.D. Grant for design
  - Develop Programs to support local businesses
    - Working on establishing new Economic Development Task Force members
  - Develop long range plan for Turnbull Conservation Lands
    - Working to acquire lands through conservation easements



# Growth Management

- Mission: New Smyrna Beach will accommodate new growth and investment while maintaining it's distinct community character, quality of life and environmental resiliency.
  - Engage the UC through increased collaboration for strategic and planning initiatives
    - Working on joint meeting with UC in Jan./Feb. to discuss city projects
  - Update the land development/zoning code (LDC)
    - Issues looking into, Residential & Neighborhood design standards, Open space and community service elements, Building Form (height vs. density), Commercial design, and Parking requirements.
  - Consider a SR 44 Corridor plan proactively manage western growth
    - Researching past city efforts developing an outline for corridor plan
  - Develop a working group on Attainable Housing
    - In Progress



### **Environment & Resiliency**

- Mission: New Smyrna Beach will be resilient to Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and other Environmental factors to protect both urban lands and natural ecosystems.
  - Explore opportunities for enhanced stormwater treatment and Best management facilities
    - Benchmark City standards against municipal leaders, update city standards. Consultant Parker Mychenberg provided preliminary report – in reveiw
  - Update Stormwater Master Plan to explore opportunities for regional stormwater management facilities
    - Completing current budgeted Regional Stormwater Master Plan (Historic Westside and Corbin Park) Citywide Master Plan Proposal request underway
  - Promote a Culture of Environmental Sustainability
    - Partner with Marine Discovery Center to develop a sustainability plan and Green building requirements/initiatives



#### Transportation & Circulation

- Mission: New Smyrna Beach will move toward a more balanced, livable, and multi-modal solutions to transportation and circulation that is safer and friendlier for pedestrians.
  - Create designated loading zones for the historic retail main streets
    - Pilot program implemented, working with delivery companies and business owners to optimize. Working with Parking Ambassador to find additional loading & unloading zones
  - Promote pedestrian, bicycle and character enhancements to state and county roads
    - Partner with TPO, County, & FDOT, attending TPO meetings
  - Identify opportunities for new local street sidewalk and bicycle enhancements
    - Working with FDOT on new trail alignment from Myrtle to US 1 (East Coast Greenway)
  - Explore partnerships for shared use parking facilities
    - On going effort working with local businesses and stakeholders