Goals & Objectives

Goal #1

Make North Salina a thriving and vibrant district (sub-area) that becomes a residential, commercial and cultural destination for residents and visitors.

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Create a Master Planned mixed-use community that utilizes smart growth principles and that is economically and physically sustainable;

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Improve the overall image of North Salina by "re-branding" the area;

Make North Salina pedestrian and bicycle friendly;

Plan identifiable public gathering places, such as parks, schools, a recreation center and/or other public facilities;

Retain and enhance essential public and private services in North Salina;

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Offer a wide range of housing opportunities and choices;

Establish a community that will attract people of all incomes, ages and occupations;



Goal #2

Redevelop the "Crossroads" at Santa Fe and Pacific as a sustainable commercial/community core and destination;

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Provide a positive and effective link with historic Downtown Salina that helps emphasize Downtown Salina as a destination;



Market to targeted business segments and industry clusters, such as professional, non-profit, health and specialty services, arts & entertainment, light industrial, service commercial, etc.;



Encourage small business opportunities by providing a range of flexible storefront and office space options;

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Establish "Design Guidelines" for cohesive, attractive and efficient development;

Encourage the use of shared facilities when possible; Permit and encourage mixed-use development, especially live-overwork structures and live/work housing;

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Create a process that invites the public display of performance and visual art in public spaces;

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Make North Salina attractive to developers

Actively engage City of Salina and Saline County government in redevelopment activities;

Incentivize and encourage the consolidation of properties, when possible or advantageous, to leverage redevelopment projects;

Explore policies that would limit public involvement in financing for infrastructure to redevelopment projects, redevelopment districts and "area of change" since such areas do not have market stability;

Explore the possibility of creating a Salina Redevelopment district and explore the most effective governance approach;

Encourage public/private partnerships;

Identify and utilize innovative financing tools;



Utilize innovative solutions to resolve temporary gaps in services during early phases until all services are available;



Strongly consider form-base zoning as an overlay approach at specific locations to help make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective.

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Enforce a Property Maintenance Code;

Continue to support beautification projects that focus on surface cleanliness and functional issues;

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Explore the benefit and cost of retrofitting North Salina with underground utilities as redevelopment occurs;

Explore the benefit of establishing a street tree ordinance to enhance neighborhoods and to in-fill gaps in existing street tree canopies;

Plan and develop the three major gateway corridors into Salina on North 9th Street, North Ohio Street and East Pacific Avenue;



Design a safe and efficient system of streets, sidewalks, paths, trails and parking facilities Consider of converting certain North Salina streets to cul-de-sacs to create smaller close-knit neighborhoods and a more "walkable" community;

Consider conversion of Hamilton Street to a linear hike & bike trail to promote connectivity and a "walkable" community
Explore landscaped roundabouts on Otis Ave. at 9th Street and Santa Fe Ave. to ease and re-direct automobile traffic onto North Santa Fe and to Downtown Salina;



Limit curb cuts where possible (especially on major collector streets) to minimize auto/bicycle/pedestrian conflict points;

When possible, combine or share parking areas when the parking demand for uses with separate and distinct hours of operation allow for such sharing;

Re-establish Santa Fe Avenue as our major north-south axis with the two major termini at St. John's Military School and Kansas Wesleyan University;







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Establish a link to the historic Downtown Lee District

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Establish design standards and Guidelines (similar to the Lee District approach) for the architectural appearance of North Salina, primarily on North Santa Fe Ave. and Pacific Ave.;

Provide a streetscape design and utilize elements consistent with the Downtown Salina Lee District Streetscape Plan;

Explore the possible location and construction of physical gateways in North Salina; Explore removal and/or reuse and environmental remediation of abandoned grain elevators;

Create opportunities that compliment and support existing business and housing activities in the Lee District.



Create a "Sense of Community"

Encourage the establishment of neighborhood groups;

Implement a policy encouraging Homeowners Associations for redeveloped residential areas to create an environment of "self- governing" neighborhoods;

Provide residential areas easily accessible links to commercial areas, parks, recreational facilities and trail system;

Site and develop schools that are easily and safely accessible to all residential areas;

St. Thomas School



Encourage increased interaction among public safety personnel and neighborhood residents through initiatives such as community policing, scheduled neighborhood conversations and use of existing facilities as a neighborhood location to complete administrative tasks; Explore the possibility of a combined "Public Safety Station" in the neighborhood that might include police, fire and EMT services.

This could be planned and designed to serve the neighborhood, City of Salina and Saline County needs;