

5.0 Community Vision, Goals, and Objectives

5.1 Vision Statement Options

Based on the comments at the Early Public Input meeting, the following draft Vision Statement was prepared.

1. In 2035, Bowman will continue to preserve its vibrant, small town quality of life while welcoming growth. The community will continue to enjoy high-quality city services, a diverse and growing economy, a safe and well functioning transportation system for all users, a high level of public safety, a variety of housing options, and a great sense of community.

5.2 Goals

5.2.1 Transportation Goals

Goal 1: Provide a high level of connectivity and continuity in the transportation system by ensuring the extension of existing streets into new growth areas and providing a connective network of streets in new growth areas where continuity of existing streets is not feasible.

Objectives:

1. Require proposed subdivisions to dedicate streets which provide good connections through the proposed development and to the existing street system.
2. Use the future street system (Figure 21) as provided in this plan as a guide for defining connecting route and a hierarchy of new streets.

Goal 2: Complete a feasibility study for a Highway 85 Truck Reliever Route around Bowman as a short term follow-up action following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and work with NDDOT to identify a feasible route and a funding plan.

Objectives:

1. Coordinate with the North Dakota Department of Transportation to complete a feasibility study for a Truck Reliever Route around the city.

Goal 3: Consider all modes of transportation in developments, providing options for cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Objectives:

1. Identify gaps within the existing sidewalk system and develop a map of underserved areas within the city.
2. Consider the appropriateness of sidewalk requirements within new developments as part of the City's subdivision regulations.
3. Prepare an inventory of existing sidewalk conditions to prioritize repairs and replacements.
4. Clearly mark crosswalk locations at street intersections.

Goal 4: Expand the regional trail loop to include a larger portion of the city and surrounding area.

Objectives:

1. To increase the functionality of the trail loop for walking and biking, plan for the expansion of the route into areas that provide a destination, including residential areas and commercial centers.

5.2.2 Health Goals

Goal 1: Maintain the availability of healthcare services to residents through collaboration with local healthcare providers.

Objectives:

1. Develop a relationship with local healthcare providers to review and improve the availability of healthcare services for Bowman residents.

Goal 2: Provide a complete network of sidewalks and trails to encourage active living.

Objectives:

1. Enhance the existing and develop a future network of sidewalks and trails that provide a system of connections, which offer opportunities for recreational use and destination travel.
2. Create programs that focus on the importance of an active lifestyle for all ages.

Goal 3: Initiate and implement a phased program to bring sidewalks into compliance with ADA standards to improve safety of pedestrians of all abilities and ages, and to encourage active living and reduce reliance on vehicular travel.

Objectives:

1. Prepare an inventory of the existing sidewalk system that identifies ADA compliant construction and noncompliant construction. Create a replacement plan for sidewalks that do not meet standards.
2. Establish construction criteria that complies with ADA standards for all new construction.

5.2.3 Economy Goals

Goal 1: Encourage economic development and job growth by allowing continued commercial and industrial growth within the city and its growth area.

Objectives:

1. Support the development of commercial and industrial industries in Bowman in the areas designated in the future land use plan.
2. Maintain the relationship with the Small Business Development Center that provides services for businesses.
3. Increase the awareness of financial incentives for businesses to start-up, expand, or relocate in Bowman.

Goal 2: Promote entrepreneurship within the community, encouraging the in-migration of new professionals.

Objectives:

1. Continue to encourage and promote the growth of entrepreneurs and development of new industries within Bowman.
2. Develop programs that assist new professionals looking for employment, and businesses looking for employees.

Goal 3: Encourage the redevelopment and growth of Main Street with the development of a Renaissance Zone.

Objectives:

1. Apply for a Renaissance Zone with the North Dakota Department of Commerce, which requires an adopted comprehensive or strategic plan and a development plan.
2. Continue to promote the Store Front Improvement Grant offered by the Bowman County Development Corporation.

Goal 4: Consider additional tourism opportunities within the region to spur additional economic activity.

Objectives:

1. Work with Bowman County and other communities in the region to develop additional tourism opportunities and associated business needs.

Goal 5: Prepare for economic growth by identifying properties designated for residential, commercial, and industrial growth that currently have access to city utilities, and designating these properties as priority development areas.

Objectives:

1. Utilize the Future Land Use Plan (Figure 18) as a basis for defined areas of residential, commercial, and industrial growth.
2. Work with the city engineer to develop an inventory of existing city utilities and the feasibility of expansion into the growth areas defined in the future land use plan.

5.2.4 Housing Goals

Goal 1: Allow for the development of a diverse housing stock providing a variety of styles and levels of affordability for home buyers and renters.

Objectives:

1. Encourage compact and diverse development patterns that provide a variety of housing choices.

Goal 2: Develop zoning ordinance language that addresses temporary housing other than recreational vehicle parks.

Objectives:

1. Create a definition for temporary housing and development standards to be adopted as part of the city's zoning ordinance. Consider which districts it can be allowed in.

Goal 3: Consider the optimal locations of temporary housing within the community, seeking to protect existing neighborhoods from the impacts of temporary housing while facilitating access of temporary housing occupants to Bowman's retail sales and service establishments.

Objectives:

1. Using the future land use plan (Figure 18), define areas that are suitable for development of temporary housing. Process a land use amendment if necessary.

5.2.5 City Service Goals

Goal 1: Utilize underdeveloped areas for infill development prior to pursuing development in the ETA for city growth, as these areas are already serviced by infrastructure and are in close proximity to retail sales and services.

Objectives:

1. Define areas within existing city limits that are currently undeveloped or underdeveloped with access to city services.
2. Develop incentives for development in these locations.

Goal 2: Monitor the requests for zoning changes, subdivisions, special use permits and building permits and consider the addition of additional city staff if a surge in development

activity creates development demands that exceed the time constraints of the current staffing level.

Objectives:

1. Create a system for recording the number of development related requests received by the City of Bowman.
2. Develop a job description, job tasks, salary, and a funding source for additional city staff.

Goal 3: Monitor the complexity of applications for zoning changes, subdivisions, conditional use permits and building permits for the purpose of evaluating the need for a city/county planner or building inspector.

Objectives:

1. Review the procedures for zoning changes, subdivisions, conditional use permits, and building permits for ease of use for both the developer and city staff. Calculate the number of hours devoted to this type of work for current staff.
2. Develop a job description, job tasks, salary, and a funding source for a city/county planner or building inspector.

Goal 4: Continue to allow for growth of the city by working with Bowman Township and the ETA property owners to encourage annexation at the appropriate time.

Objectives:

1. Encourage that new subdivision plat proposals in the ETA include a request for annexation.
2. Allow the beneficiaries of city water and sewer services to contribute towards the tax base of the community.

Goal 5: Work with property owners and developers to ensure that ETA development is preceded by annexation to prevent rural non-farm development from blocking the city's future growth and extension of utilities.

Objectives:

1. Expand the city's ETA authority proportionately with successive annexations.
2. Continue communication with Bowman County regarding the ETA boundaries and zoning and subdivision applications within the outer half mile of the ETA.
3. Promote a contiguous growth pattern and discourage leapfrog/checkerboard developments.
4. For continuity of growth, promote infill developments on vacant gaps of land.

5.2.6 Quality of Life Goals

Goal 1: Preserve and enhance the quality of life in the community by encouraging development of a diverse housing stock, while maintaining the availability of affordable housing.

Objectives:

1. Encourage the development of a variety of housing options in areas serviced by commercial and public land uses.

Goal 2: Protect the small town atmosphere and near-by farming practices from the contrasting interests of non-farm residents and businesses.

Objectives:

1. Promote a systemized approach to orderly, compatible land use through zoning.
2. Adopt and abide by a land use plan which establishes compatibility of adjacent land uses.
3. Encourage development which is contiguous to the city limits to avoid premature development in areas removed from the city.

5.2.7 Infrastructure Goals

Goal 1: Prior to the extension of city infrastructure into growth areas, require the annexation of these properties into city limits.

Objectives:

1. Require new plat proposals to be accompanied with a request for annexation if city services are desired and feasible.
2. Adopt a standard policy for developers to construct infrastructure extensions to serve the developments they are proposing.

Goal 2: Coordinate land use planning and infrastructure extensions to allow for timely and cost effective growth.

Objectives:

1. Utilize the phasing plan created by comparing the future land use planning and areas for feasible and cost effective infrastructure extension.

Goal 3: Maintain and update existing infrastructure systems throughout the community to sustain current functionality of the system.

Objectives:

1. Prepare and periodically update a Capitol Improvements Plan to determine functional lifespan and replacement scheduling of the city's existing infrastructure system.

5.2.8 Land Use Goals

Goal 1: Expand the ETA after each annexation as allowed by the ND Century Code.

Objectives:

1. Continue to zone land within the full one-mile ETA as new areas are added as allowed by the ND Century Code.
2. Work with Bowman County to adjust the one-mile and half mile ETA boundaries as new properties are annexed into the city.

Goal 2: Encourage the use of land use transitions that protect neighborhoods and residents from the impacts of the energy industry and other industrial uses.

Objectives:

1. Utilize the future land use plan as a guide when review development proposals.
2. Ensure that proposals deviating from the future land use plan complete a land use plan amendment, which should review surrounding land uses to ensure their compatibility with the proposal.

Goal 3: Ensure the provision of adequate park, recreational and open space land as the city grows, providing acreage equivalent to approximately 10 percent of residential acreage and 5 percent of commercial and industrial acreage.

Objectives:

1. Develop a policy that requires the creation or dedication of park land for residential, commercial, and industrial development.

Goal 4: Establish land use patterns that keep industrial uses clustered together.

Objectives:

1. Utilize the future land use plan to define preferred areas of future industrial development.

Goal 5: Maintain an updated land use plan, adopted by the city, which reflects future land use amendments, annexations, and expansions of the ETA.

Objectives:

1. Periodically update, or update as changes occur, the land use plan to ensure that the most up to date information is displayed.
2. Follow the procedure for amending the land use plan as outlined in this plan, which includes public notice and hearings.