



COMMUNITY VISION AND
ACTION PLAN
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

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4. Goals, Strategies, and Action Plans

Introduction

The significance of the vision lies in the actions taken to realize it. This chapter details the vision, goals, strategies, and action plans developed by each of the 13 Citizen Topic Groups. The topics are listed in alphabetical order as follows:

- A. Arts and Culture
- B. Community Character
- C. Community Facilities and Services
- D. Community Pride and Human Relationships
- E. Development
- F. Downtown
- G. Economic Development
- H. Education
- I. Environment
- J. Governance and Decision Making
- K. Health, Social Services, and Affordable Housing
- L. Parks, Recreation, and Greenways
- M. Transportation

This chapter represents where the “rubber meets the road.” It is a document that all members of the community – including representatives from the public, private, and civic sectors – can access as they work collectively to achieve the community’s desired vision for the future. It is important to note that this should be considered a living document. The strategies and action steps provided respond to the current issues and conditions in the Columbia area. As time passes and conditions change, the implementation effort will evolve, and new strategies and action steps may emerge.

Each section is designed to be as concise and as easy to navigate as possible. In cases where a Topic Group has provided extensive detail or background information, it is clearly indicated where additional material can be found in the Appendix. For each subtopic there are several strategies listed along with specific actions steps to help implement the strategy and realize the goal.