

City Council Visioning Workshop

Bastrop Comprehensive Plan Update

October 22, 2024

Agenda

Project overview

- Scope of project
- What we've heard

Visioning discussion

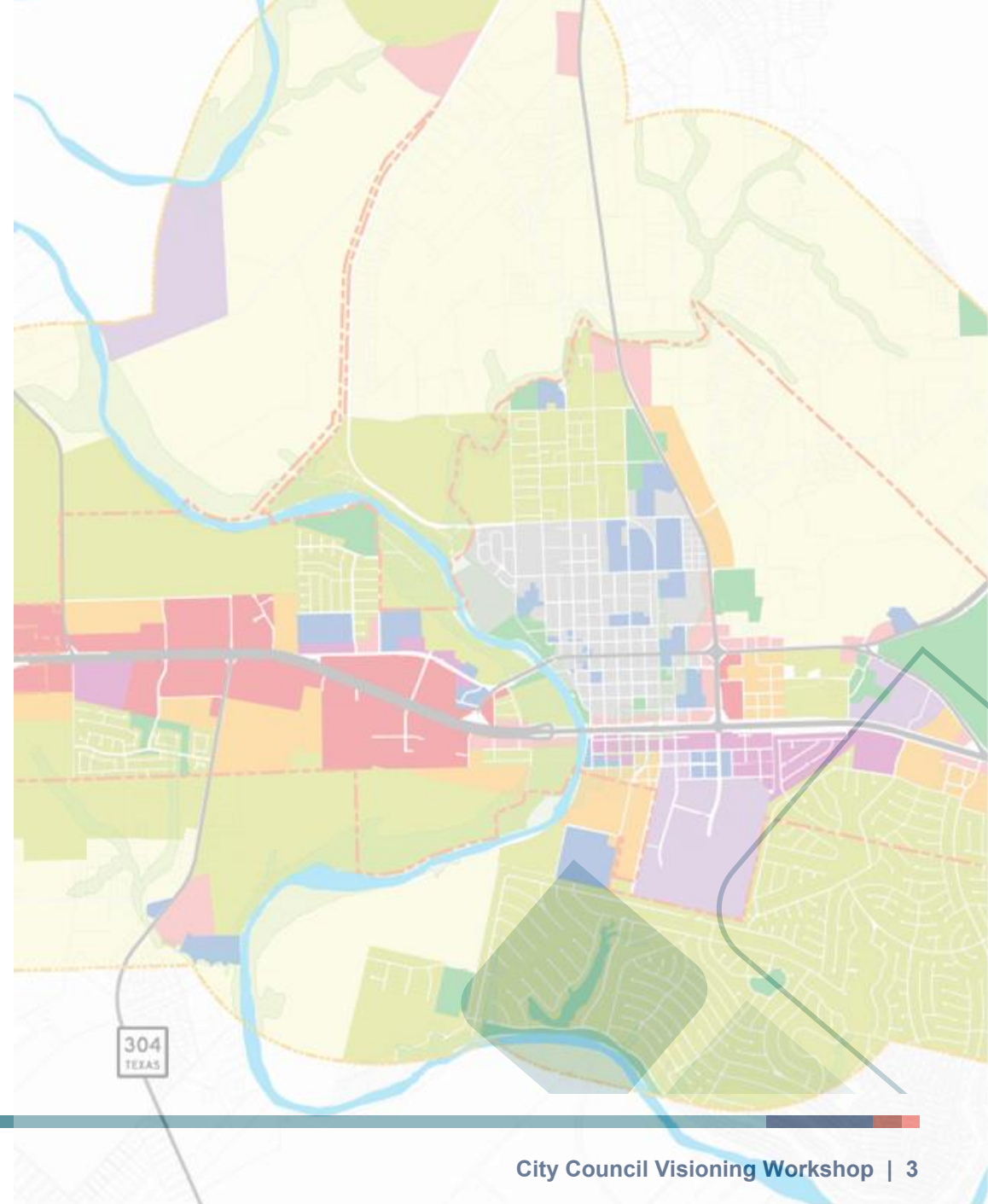
Next steps

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The primary purpose of the project is to prepare an update to the City's 2016 Comprehensive Plan to focus on growth and land use in the city.

**The project will provide updates only to
Chapter 2: Community Growth and
Chapter 5: Land Use and Community Image**

In this meeting, we will work to identify **City Council's goals** and **desired outcomes** for this process.



OUTCOMES OF TODAY'S WORKSHOP

Explore Bastrop's growth, development patterns, and review goals that align with the city's vision for sustainable growth.

Learn and Share

1

Affirm Vision and Goals

2

Build Consensus

3



SCOPE OF PROJECT

INITIATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Project kick-off
- Data collection
- Public engagement logistics

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- Data collection (demographics, plan and trend reviews, implementation)
- Mapping

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Stakeholder and citizen engagement

ANALYSIS:

- Gap analysis
- Code review

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop actions and strategies related to policy, regulation, partnerships, operations, and funding

FINAL PLAN:

- Draft land use plan and growth plan
- Prepare updates to Chapters 2 and 5
- Stakeholder review and final amendments
- Adoption

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Council Visioning Session

Technical Committee Meetings

P&Z Meetings

Stakeholder Listening Sessions

Public Open House

Online Community Survey

WHO IS INVOLVED?

City Council:

- Visioning workshop and joint P&Z meeting

Planning & Zoning:

- Workshops and project updates

Technical Committee:

- Two (2) meetings at different stages in the process
- Comprised of key staff from the city

Stakeholders and Public:

- Listening sessions
- Community survey
- Public open house





Gathering Feedback

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



Utility Capacity Affects Growth: Utility services either promote or slow development.



Development in the West: Most growth is to the west of the river in areas without existing water/wastewater infrastructure, increasing costs for homebuyers.



PDD Applications Favorable: Most new development applications are Planned Development Districts (PDDs), which staff find useful.



Common Zoning Variations: The most frequent zoning code requests are for road and parking requirements.



Future Land Use Map Underused: The 2016 Future Land Use Map is not regularly used in development reviews.

COMMUNITY TOUCH POINT SURVEY WEEK 1



Overall Agreement with Goals. Respondents mostly agree with 2016 comprehensive plan goals.



Key Goal: Water System Capacity: Strong support for ensuring long-term water system capacity and quality.



Key Goal: Water Quality Protection: Strong support for protecting water quality in the Lower Colorado River Watershed.



Less Agreement on Land Use Plan: Less strong agreement on using the Future Land Use Plan to guide development decisions.

COMMUNITY TOUCH POINT SURVEY WEEK 1

"I'm still concerned about the amount of water resources available for the continued growth of the city and county."

"You are allowing new people and new building to happen much faster than the city and county are prepared for. We need to improve infrastructure before it gets any worse."

"We have overgrown our infrastructure to the point of breaking."

"The growth Bastrop has seen since 2016 would never be considered measured."

"Water conservation and public transportation are going to be key to allowing growth, or drought and traffic will choke us."

"More focus must be put to infrastructure. Roads, hospitals, police, parks and schools are severely lacking. Proper zoning for adequate shopping and restaurant areas must be considered as well."



Growth & Development Patterns

HISTORICAL GROWTH

Based on U.S. Census data, Bastrop, Texas has experienced notable population growth since 2016.

- **2016:** The population was 8,694.
- **2020:** The population increased to 9,688, marking an approximate growth of 11.4% over four years.
- **2023:** The population estimate is 11,679, reflecting a further increase of about 20.5% since 2020.

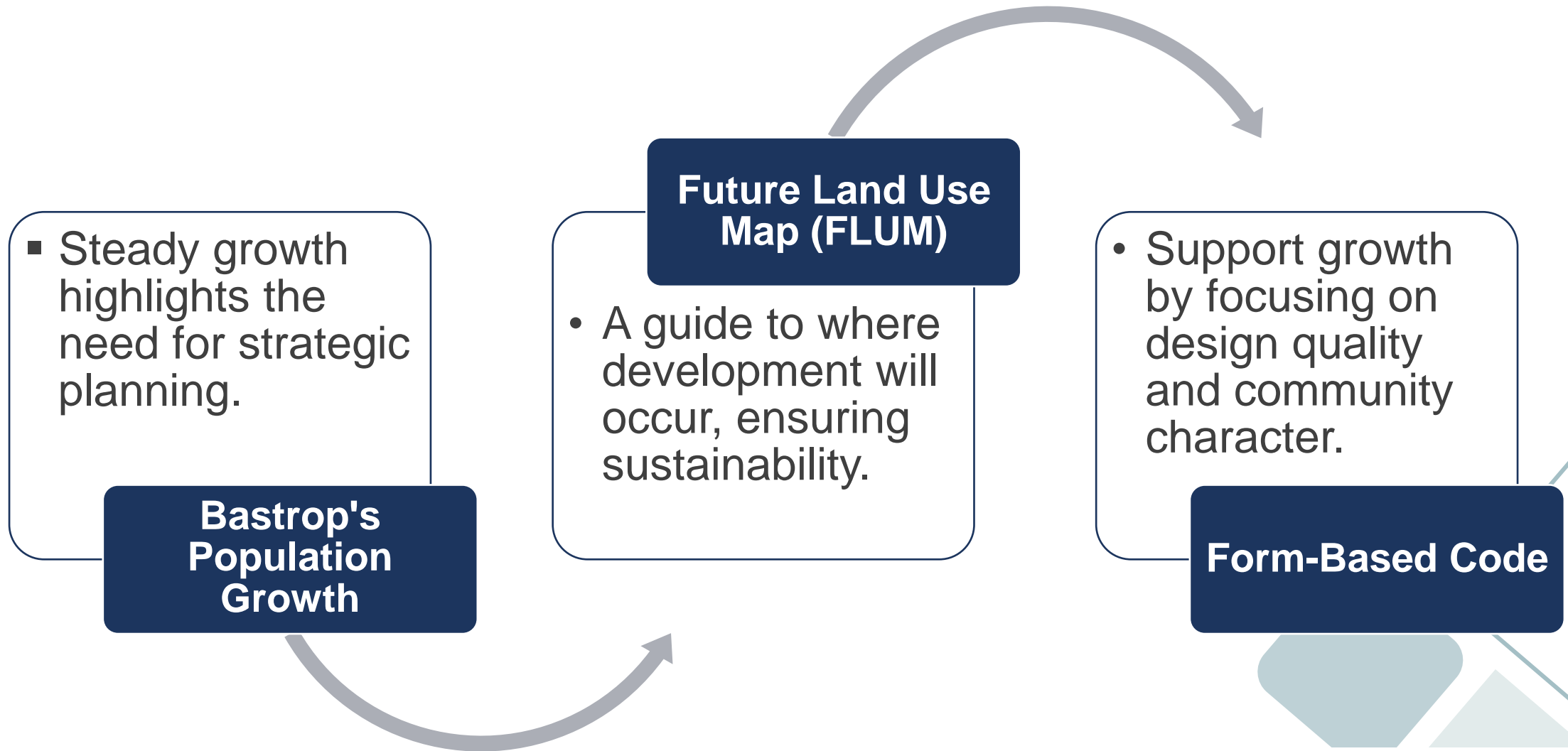
Overall, from 2016 to 2023, Bastrop's population grew by approximately 34.3%.

Average annual growth rate of approximately 4.9% from 2016 to 2023.

	Population
2016	8,694
2020	9,692
2024	11,189
2026*	12,164
2031*	14,799
2046*	26,653

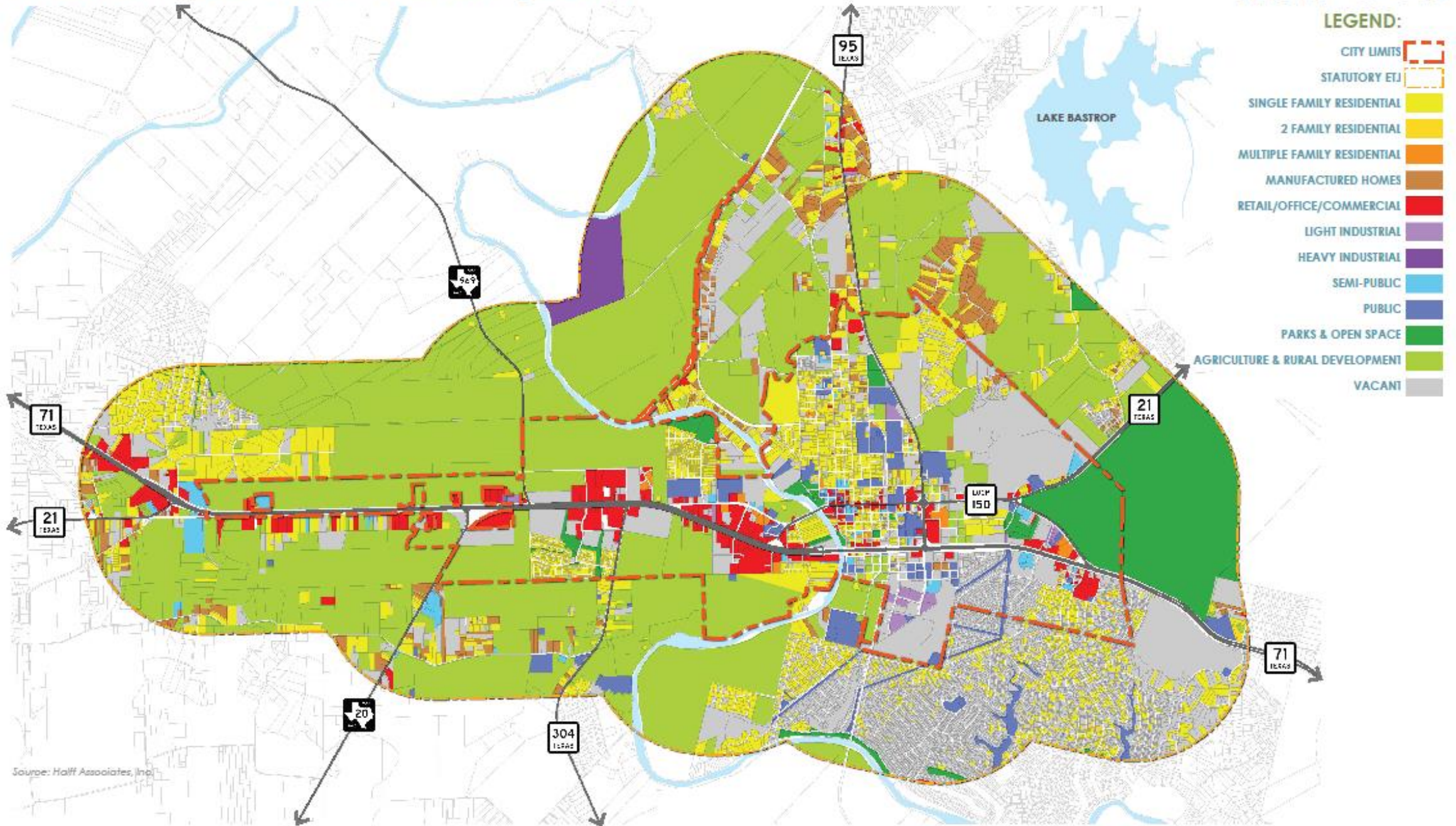
**Population projections from Bastrop Water Plan
U.S. Census*

GROWTH & LAND USE PLANNING



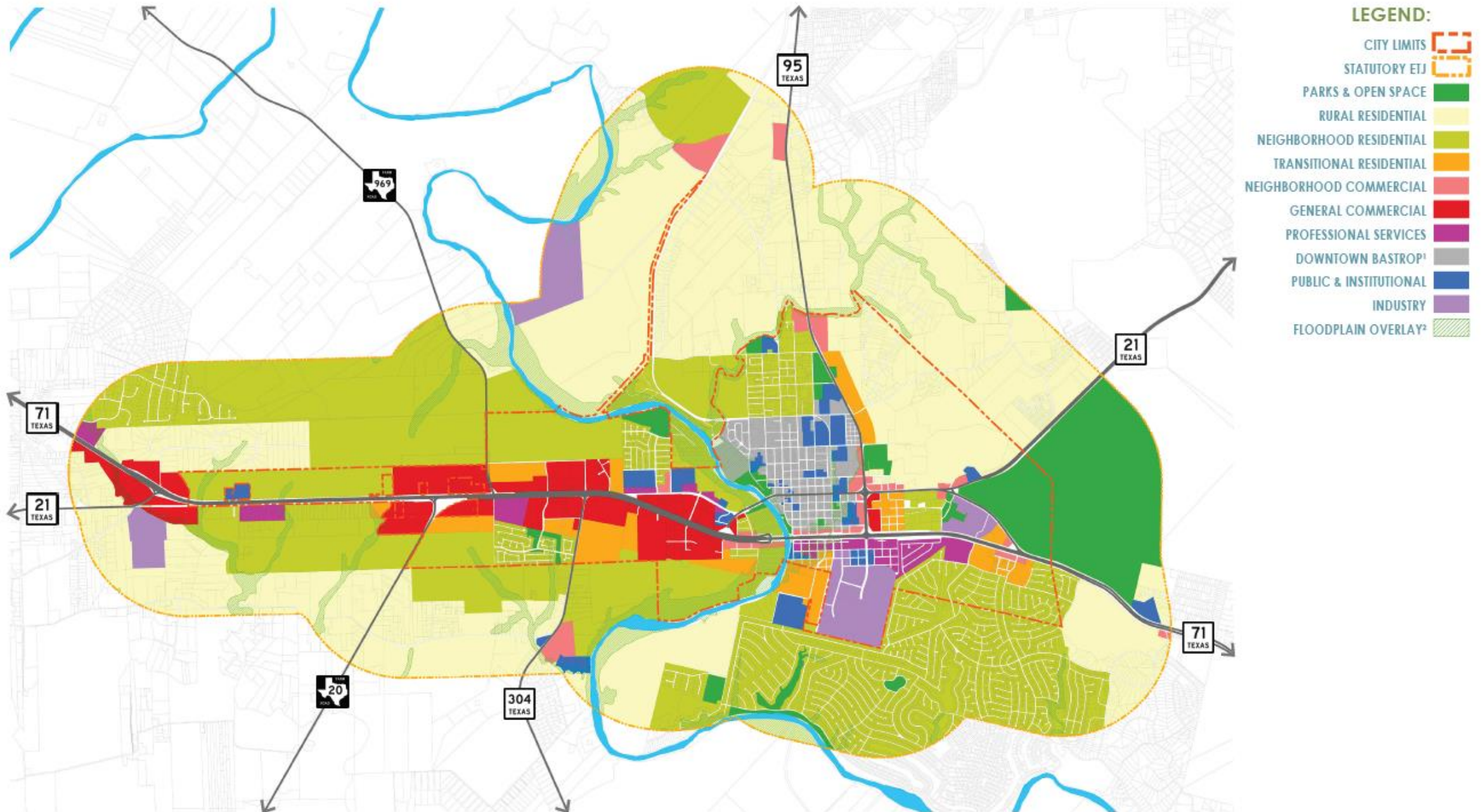
BASTROP EXISTING LAND USE (2016)

MAP 5-A:



FUTURE LAND USE MAP

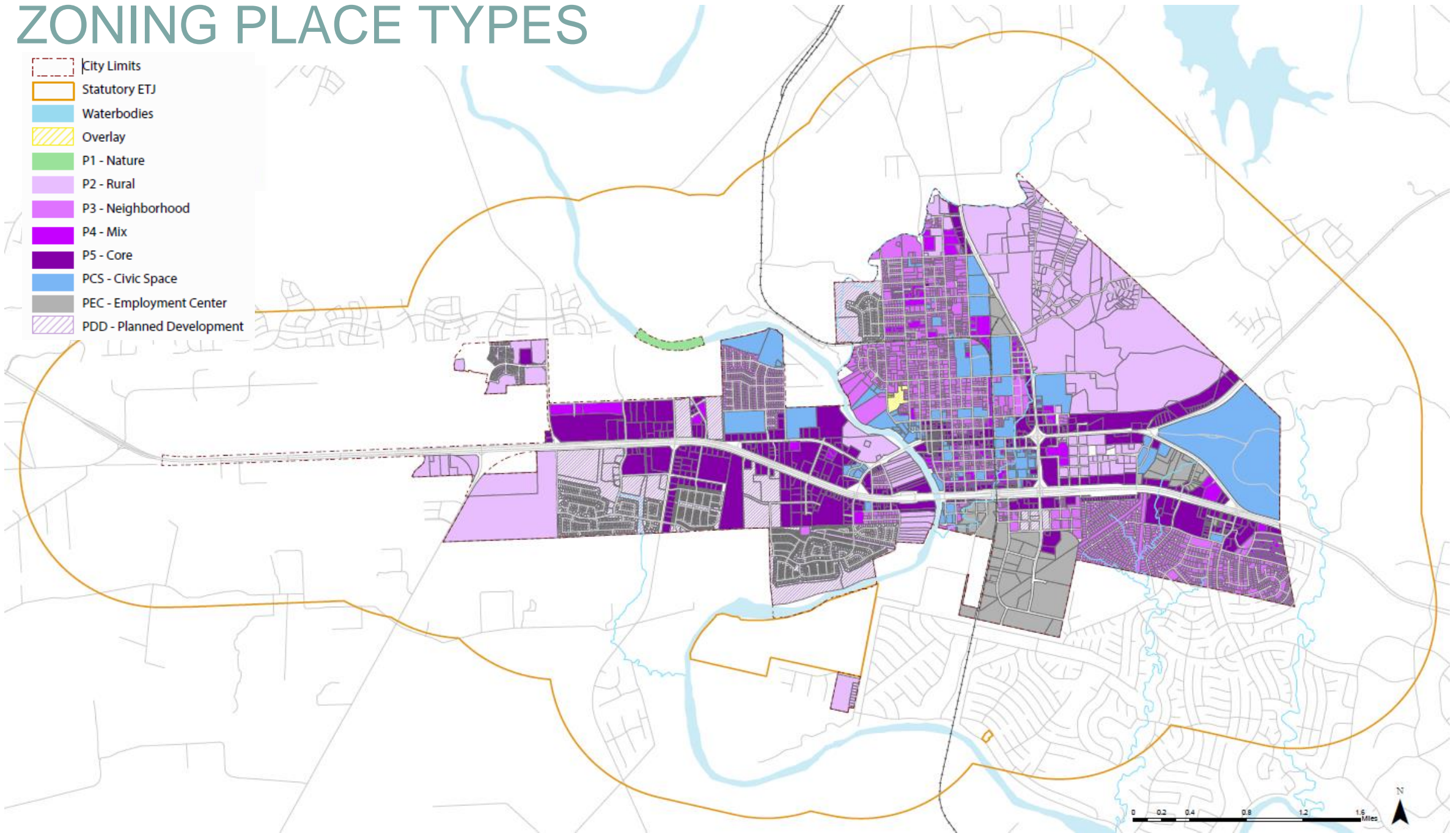
MAP 5-B:



Notes: ¹Boundary is similar to the DB-FBC. ²The Floodplain Overlay denotes environmentally sensitive land where development impacts should be minimized, and land could be preserved or dedicated as public parkland or open space.

ZONING PLACE TYPES

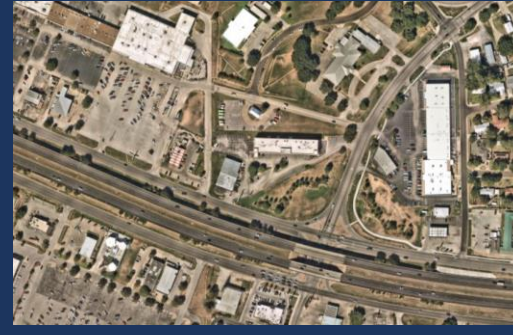
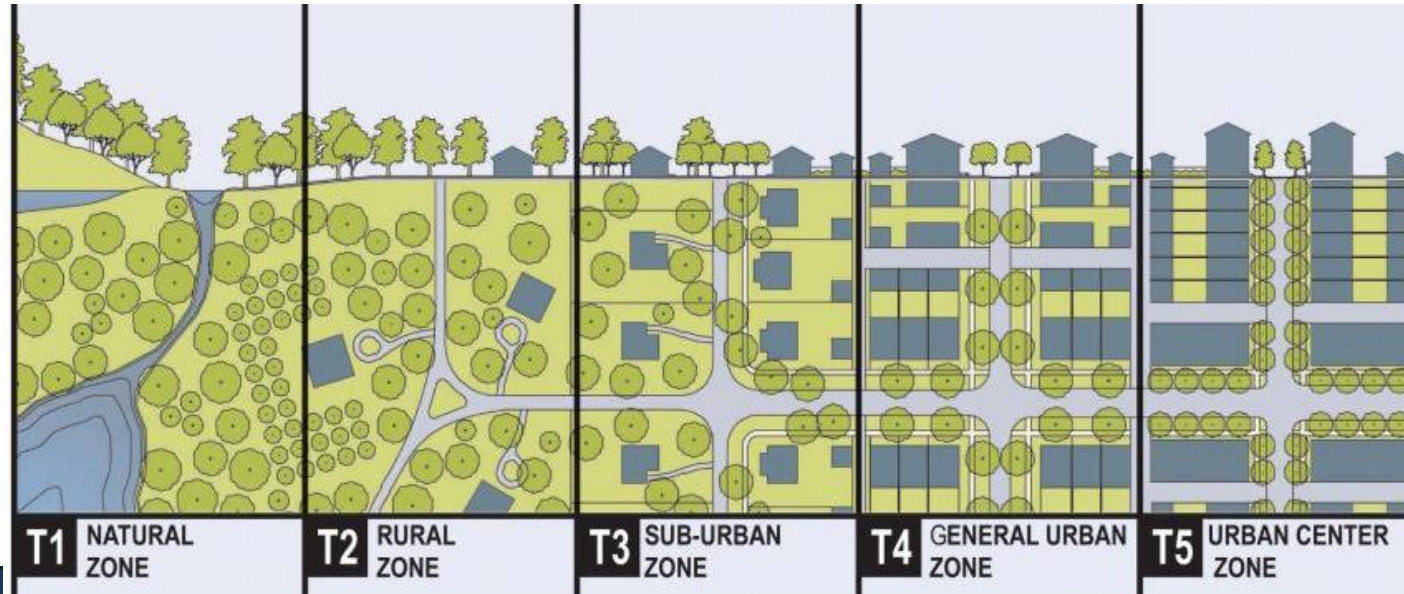
- City Limits
- Statutory ETJ
- Waterbodies
- Overlay
- P1 - Nature
- P2 - Rural
- P3 - Neighborhood
- P4 - Mix
- P5 - Core
- PCS - Civic Space
- PEC - Employment Center
- PDD - Planned Development



MISCONCEPTIONS OF GROWTH



RURAL TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS





Visioning & Discussion

REAFFIRMING GOALS

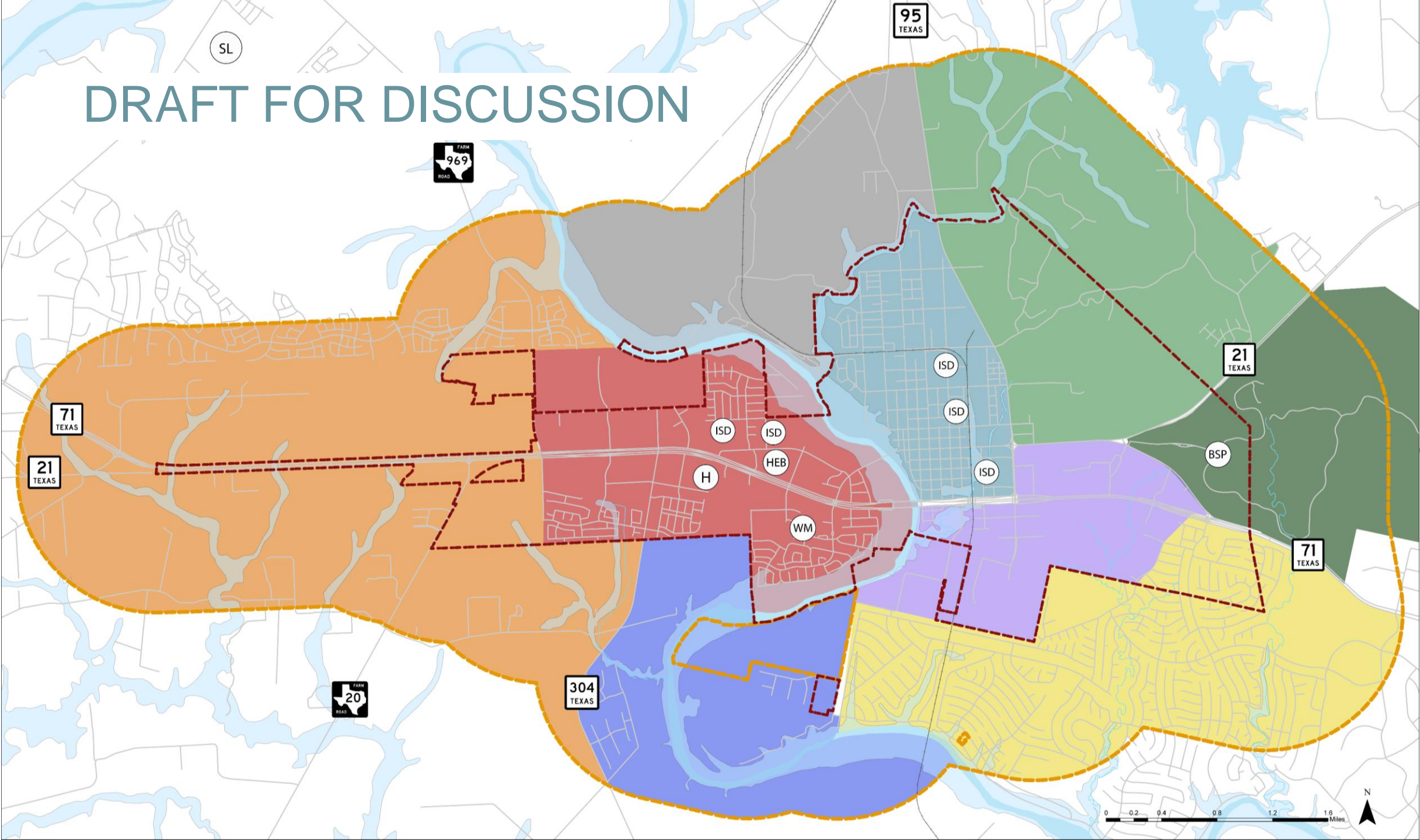
REVISITING 2016 GOALS

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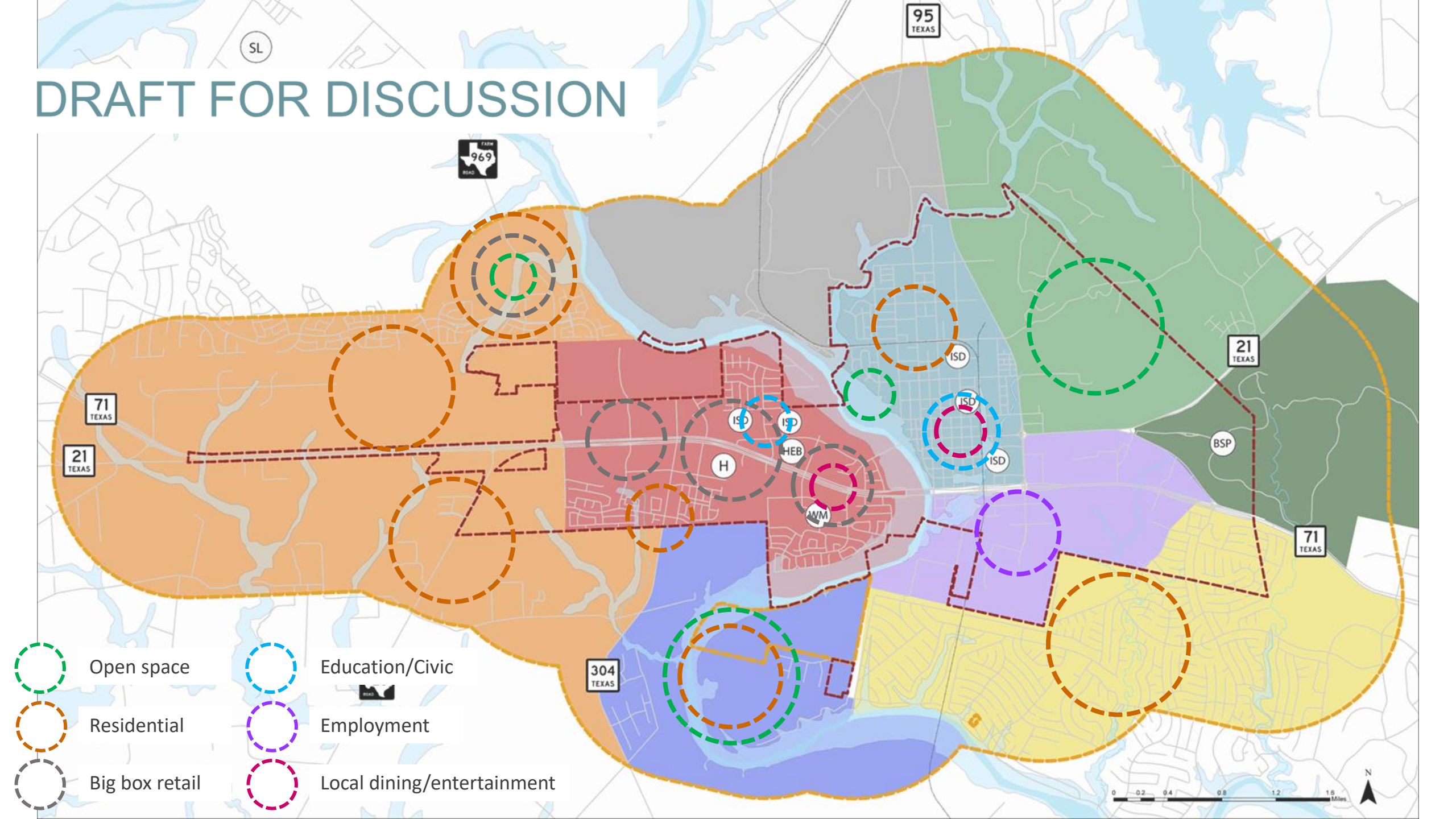
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MOVING FORWARD

- How can the Comprehensive Plan goals be used to guide or shape the updated future land use map?
- How will these goals help to fill the development gaps identified in the draft discussion map?
- How will the Plan goals support the future urbanization patterns identified or desired for the future land use map, especially for “priority areas?”



NEXT STEPS

1

Planning & Zoning
Commission meeting
on November 21st



2

Meet with stakeholder
listening groups on
November 21st



3

Continue background
research, mapping, and
gap analysis of the code
and comprehensive plan



4

Synthesize
community input to
guide
recommendation
development

