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Action Items – Items in **(RED)** are input from the review process.

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- **Four target areas identified – Natural Systems, physical systems, fiscal systems, and land use**

Natural Systems

Goal - Preserve Woodcreek's natural, rural setting

Strategy 1: Protect What Exists

- a) Enforce protective regulations for trees **(Created Tree Board, New Tree ordinances and protections in place, Woodcreek earned Tree City USA designation, Park clean up held for 2023 Earth Day)**
- b) Community education programs for **(Has not been visible to community, Area to be addressed more in future)**
 - Rainwater collection
 - Oak wilt
 - Drought tolerant landscaping
 - Reducing chemical use in landscaping
- c) Incentivize rainwater collection **(Being addressed)**
- d) Protect impervious cover limits and create regulations for Middle Trinity and Jacob's Well Recharge Zones **(Currently in Ordinances)**
- e) Create Green Building initiatives **(Progress pending)**
- f) Promote protection of natural habitats and ecosystems
- g) Participate in Annual Arbor Day events and promote tree planting **(Great progress noted)**
- h) Invest in public land through tree care, planting, watering and other activities to improve public spaces **(Addition of parks)**

Strategy 2: Increase and Improve Parks and Greenspaces

- a) Update Parks Master Plan **(Not done as of review)**
- b) Pursue purchase of additional parkland or greenspace **(Some progress)**
- c) Review and revise plating and subdivision codes to promote more greenspace allocation in design **(In process)**
- d) Pursue grants and other funding to improve park amenities with a playscape as top priority **(POSAC Grant made improvements possible – Gazebo at Triangle, Playground at Creekside and August Park game tables. Permanent bathroom at Creekside is in approval process. Gazebo has garden and possible raincollection)**

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in planning stage. Brookmeadow Island at Augusta is a pollinator garden)

- e) Consider and plan to achieve goal of community pool (Not at this review time)
- f) Consider placement of a dog park (Not at this review time)

Physical Systems

Goal: Improve existing structures with focus on roads and mobility

Strategy 1: Re-negotiate franchise agreements to lower rates and improve customer service (City of Woodcreek has little input in rates)

- a) Electricity – survey showed general satisfaction with PEC. (PEC is a coop and imposed new rates through their own process)
- b) Water and Sewer – survey showed low satisfaction ratings for Aqua Texas. This public utility should be seen as a high priority for action (Working with Aqua Texas – New personnel and resources brought in. Positive changes in customer service and infrastructure repairs)
- c) Cable/Internet – survey showed general satisfaction with Spectrum with noted outages, rising costs and slowness/connectivity
- d) Telephone – Fewer people are using landlines
- e) Trash/Recycling – survey showed satisfactory rating for Waste Connections (Working with Waste Connections during major events for bulk pick ups and other days as needed)

Strategy 2: Repair all roads in the City of Woodcreek and create a long-term maintenance plan (Road bond passed – all roads, except Deerfield, received new surfacing. Community Block Grant awarded to Woodcreek for Deerfield area. Freeland-Turk hired to address city-wide drainage issues. City-wide signage programs being developed)

- a) Develop a Master Transportation Plan and Policy – Platinum Roads Panel (Master Transportation Plan is really a Road Maintenance Plan and the Platinum Roads Panel has become the Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Board)
- b) Finish the creation of the Capital Improvements Plan – Platinum Roads Panel (Change to Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Board)
- c) Pursue grants and alternative funding sources (ongoing)
- d) Address drainage and traffic calming with road improvements (ongoing)

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Strategy 3: Create walking trails to address pedestrian safety (Assigned to Infrastructure and Mobility Planning Board – No action as of this review)

- a) Seek alternative funding through grants
- b) Work with the Hays County on existing trails projects
- c) Obtain engineering studies to work on placement of trails in the community
- d) Utilize citizen feedback to create a plan and prioritize routes
- e) Create a timeline for execution of plan, including funding

Fiscal Systems

Goal: Reduce the burden on taxpayers and over reliance on increasing ad valorem taxes to fund city projects

Strategy 1: Maintain suitable reserves and manage the annual budget to reduce excess spending (Funding and budget process has changed to a Fund Balance system to allow for individual fund balances for future projects. This is to identify specific funds rather than using a general reserve fund.)

- a) Decrease annual spending in Maintenance and Operations budget area to provide funds for projects instead of using reserve funds
- b) Do not spend over \$500,000 of the Net Reserves and maintain 2 months of operating expenses from the Committed Funds Balance in the General Fund
- c) Utilize existing reserves, no more than half of the General Fund reserves in any single year, to fund small projects rather seeking more debt.

Strategy 2: Increase income outside of ad valorem taxes

- a) Promote local businesses – (Cigar Lounge opened and new golf course owners are adding new resources – Grill and holding events
- b) Use Woodcreek as the city designation for online purchases (This has been openly encouraged)
- c) Consider increasing the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 0 to create special restricted funds to promote community, tourism and city-wide improvements as allowed by governing code (HOT committee formed to review possibilities)

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Strategy 3: Seek advantageous development and franchise agreements (This may be a mute point with recent legislative changes to ETJs, land owners are leaving the ETJ)

- a) Pursue advantageous annexation agreements for any new development in the ETJ
- b) Consider creation of an Economic Development Plan Committee to oversee these actions and create policy to ensure the City can sustain itself

Strategy 4: Pursue alternative and outside funding

- a) Seek grants to fund desired projects (ongoing – Grant Applications for rainwater collection at City Hall, Community Block Grant, POSAC grant, Aqua Texas donated a water fountain for the Triangle, Community Garden and Boy Scout/Master Gardener project at August park)
- b) Encourage Parks Board to pursue a citizen based non-profit 501(c)(3) to raise funds for parks projects and walking trails (In process – Friends of Woodcreek non-profit is pending,)

Land Use

Goal: Maintain Woodcreek’s Character and promote sustainable resource management

Strategy 1: Preserve the rural and residential character of the community (Some progress – Committee to review code revision. Brookmeadow Overlay to create 1 acre minimum lot size)

- a) Review and update building and development ordinances
- b) Update subdivision and platting requirements – more strict with regard to division steps and include environmental study

Strategy 2: Protect the watershed (Water Task Force formed to address water conservation in Woodcreek)

- a) Limit impervious coverage
- b) Encourage sustainable building practices
- c) Promote water-wise landscaping
- d) Create protections in the Jacob’s Well and Middle Trinity Aquifer recharge zones to limit development and minimize impervious coverage
- e) Utilize steep slopes and water quality management code to regulate development in the ETJ – managing impervious cover and maintaining natural landscapes to minimize erosion and less impact of flooding

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- f) Encourage developers to utilize conservation style development in the ETJ and uphold parkland and greenspace regulations
- g) Enforce the Heritage and Protected Tree preservation efforts

Strategy 3: Seek to encourage development that aligns with resident preferences

- a) Look for commercial opportunities that align with residents interest
- b) Do not duplicate resources available in Wimberley
- c) Enforce minimal impact for resources, such as water.
- d) Seek business that bring new money into the community rather than re-circulate existing income or one that takes away income.