



## Legacy 2030 Adopted Countywide



The *Legacy 2030 Comprehensive Plan* is officially adopted by all of Forsyth County's elected bodies, making it the guide for growth, development, and pub-

lic investment in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, Tobaccoville, Bethania, Lewisville, Rural Hall, Kernersville, Clemmons, and Walkertown.

Three themes tie the *Legacy 2030* plan together: fiscal responsibility, sustainable growth, and livable

design. The plan has the same long-term vision of the *2001 Legacy Plan*, which includes strong downtowns, a diverse economy, a more compact development

pattern, a balanced transportation system, livable neighborhoods, and a high quality of life. *Legacy 2030* builds on the progress of the 2001 plan and takes into account our changing demographics as well as new local and national issues, such as our changing economy. *Legacy 2030* also makes recommendations on how best to make strategic public infrastructure investments to shape community development in a positive, cost-efficient way. The Planning Board will continue to use area plans as a primary means of implementing *Legacy*, updating these smaller community-based plans over the next several years. Read *Legacy 2030* online at [www.legacy2030.com](http://www.legacy2030.com).

### Winston-Salem Urban Circulator Study

Over the past several months, the City of Winston-Salem has been conducting an Alternatives Analysis (AA) to further investigate opportunities for the implementation of an urban circulator in its Center City, building upon the *Winston-Salem Streetcar Feasibility Study* (completed in 2006) and recommendations developed as part of the *Regional Transit Development Plan, Forsyth and Guilford Counties Transit Vision for 2025* (completed in 2010), the *Legacy Comprehensive Plan* (updated in 2012) and *The Downtown Plan* (completed in 2007).

The primary purpose of the AA is to develop and evaluate transit alternatives to best meet project goals and establish a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) describing the preferred transit route and mode. For a project to qualify for federal funding, such evaluation is important to fulfill federal funding requirements. Two specific goals were set for the study: one, to position the community

for economic competitiveness, and two, to offer mobility options to the community.

The study area is focused on an approximately three-mile corridor that extends east to west through Downtown Winston-Salem and surrounding neighborhoods, from Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center through Downtown to Winston-Salem State University. Previous studies cited above have identified this corridor as having the most activity centers and underutilized areas where development can be spurred. The process engages the community, stakeholders, elected officials and appointed advisory committees to select a route that best meets community objectives and a mode that can contribute to the fulfillment of the region's economic aspirations.

The three modes being evaluated include standard bus as we have now, an "enhanced bus" specially used for this corridor, and a modern rail streetcar powered by electricity. The study looks



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at each in terms of the potential for ridership, the potential of generating or accelerating development and job creation along and near the route, engineering and environmental considerations, and cost. The study is expected to be completed by spring and will ultimately be acted on by the City Council to designate a Locally Preferred Alternative. Funding and implementation decisions would come later.

For further information on the study process, visit the project website: [www.winstonsalemcirculator.com](http://www.winstonsalemcirculator.com)



## TOBACCOVILLE AREA PLAN *Update*

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### Planning Staff Working on Four Different Area Plans

Planning staff have been busy working on four different area plan updates recently: The *Downtown Winston-Salem Plan*, the *Tobaccoville Plan*, the *Southeast Forsyth County Plan*, and the *Southeast Winston-Salem Plan*.

After a lengthy development and public involvement process, the *Downtown Winston-Salem Plan* was recommended for approval by the City-County Planning Board at their February meeting. The plan will be reviewed by the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee of the Winston-Salem City Council in March, with a Council public hearing on the plan anticipated for April.

The *Tobaccoville Area Plan* is also nearing adoption. The plan was endorsed by the Tobaccoville Village Council in early February and the Planning Board recommended approval of the plan at their February public hearing. Adoption by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners is expected following a March public hearing.

The *Southeast Forsyth County Plan* is in the middle of its development process. A kickoff meeting was held in January, and comments from citizens regarding the future of the area were gathered. These comments were used to develop

land use recommendations for the area, which were presented at a public meeting on February 21 at Union Cross Elementary School. These recommendations will be further refined based on comments heard at public meetings scheduled for March 21 and April 18 (both from 6-8 p.m. at Union Cross Traditional Academy at 4300 High Point Road, Kernersville).

The *Southeast Winston-Salem Plan* is about to start its public participation phase with a plan kickoff meeting scheduled for March 26. This meeting will be from 6-8 p.m. at the Sprague Recreation Center at 1350 East Sprague Street. Citizens who live or work in the area are invited to come out and share their thoughts on what should change as we prepare to update the existing *Southeast Winston-Salem Plan*, which is over ten years old. Additional public meetings are anticipated in April, May, and June.

Staff anticipates starting three additional area plans in the coming year.



### Winston-Salem Centennial Celebration May 9 - 12, 2013

*PLEASE mark your calendars now!*

The City of Winston-Salem plans to hold a four day Centennial Celebration from May 9 - May 13, 2012.

To find out more, go to the Winston-Salem Centennial website:  
[www.w-s100years.com](http://www.w-s100years.com)

#### Fun Facts about 1913 in Winston-Salem:

- 1913 was the year of “the golden hyphen,” Winston and Salem consolidated.
- O. B. Eaton becomes the first mayor of Winston-Salem.
- Winston-Salem covers 5.35 square miles and had a population of 26,000.

### *Want more information?*

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