

# Growing Smarter:

## TELL US WHAT MAKES SENSE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

For years, growth in the Greater Kansas City area has meant building homes and retail centers on what used to be fields and farms. But in many parts of the region, such low-density development has become unaffordable as infrastructure costs increase faster than the tax revenues. In addition, smaller, more diverse households, along with rising concerns about energy costs and climate change, are resulting in market demands for new housing choices where walking, biking or riding transit are attractive travel options.

To adapt to these changes, local governments have created plans for more sustainable development that focus activity in identified centers and along priority corridors. But implementation of these plans will require changes in local and regional policies.

To accurately predict what the region will look like in 2040, forecasters need to know what new policies local governments are likely to adopt. And the leaders who will make these decisions depend on input from people like you. Please tell us what you think about the following policy choices.



COURTESY OF OVERLAND PARK VISION METCALF PLAN

		Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Undecided	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
NATURAL RESOURCES	Increase the protection of the region’s natural resources, such as streams, trails, and high-quality farmland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use conservation districts to protect natural resources such as stream corridors, floodplains, woodlands, steep slopes and other environmentally sensitive features.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Allow developers to build at higher densities in return for providing increased open space and protection of natural areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Allow more flexibility in lot configuration, lot size, building setbacks, and other development standards in projects that preserve open space and natural resources.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Request easements for future trail corridors when approving development applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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TRANSPORTATION	Significantly increase the level of transit service along key corridors, including bus rapid transit or light rail in the highest priority corridors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	At the regional level, allocate federal transportation dollars primarily to priority activity centers and corridors in ways that encourage increased walking, biking and riding transit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Require new street construction to equally serve vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Require private developments to complement transit where it is planned and/or improved, and to otherwise apply pedestrian-friendly site design standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Plan for local connections to future regional transit systems.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PLANNING AND ZONING	Revise comprehensive plans to include policies that are supportive of community-level activity centers/corridors with mixed uses, transportation and housing options, and natural resource protection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Prepare local plans that establish redevelopment targets and clearly define the priority areas for redevelopment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Establish density minimums in strategic corridors and activity centers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Replace conventional zoning regulations that separate activities with form-based codes that create more walkable environments offering a variety of activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consider flexible building codes and rezoning efforts that reflect need for a balance of starter residences, single-family residences and life-cycle senior housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Coordinate sewer policies to build additional lines and treatment facilities only after reaching an agreed upon capacity threshold — for example, when flows reach 80 percent of capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Assemble parcels with multiple property owners for easier redevelopment in designated center and corridors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Establish intra-county tax base sharing policies to limit excessive competition for retail development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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INCENTIVES	Offer streamlined development review processes for projects that are located in designated activity centers or corridors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use differential impact fees to direct development to places where there is already sufficient infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implement inter-local agreements that significantly restrict the use of incentives for development of Greenfields (areas of vacant and agricultural land at or beyond the edge of urbanization).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Create new incentives for redevelopment, such as allowing financing out of projected future infrastructure cost savings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ABOUT YOU**

Zip code (home or community) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend one of our presentations?  Yes  No

If yes, which one? Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

[Optional] Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

[Optional] Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[Optional] Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

