



Denton 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Growing with a Unified Purpose

Plan Progress Report

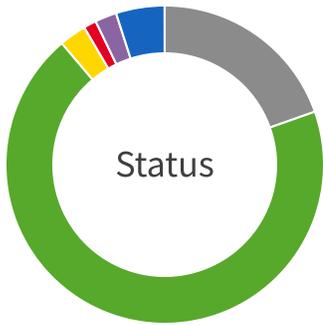
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9 Element	121 Policy	228 Action
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Overall Summary



● Status Pending	20
● On Track	69
● Some Disruption	3
● Major Disruption	1
● Upcoming	2
● Completed	5



Executive Summary

This report presents a focused overview of strategic actions that advance the goals outlined in the Denton 2040 Comprehensive Plan. It highlights initiatives that reflect meaningful progress toward the community’s long-term vision, while excluding over 300 actions identified as ongoing and considered part of standard municipal operations. By concentrating on discrete, forward-moving efforts, this summary provides a clear snapshot of the City’s commitment to transformative growth, sustainability, and quality of life for all residents.

Report Legend **Priority** **No Update** **Overdue**

Element 1

Plan Framework includes a summary of Denton’s history and where the City is today. It then describes the purpose and process used to develop the Comprehensive Plan. This Element also includes the Community Vision Statement and an overview of the steps involved in analyzing the conditions that would drive the goals, policies and actions contained in the Comprehensive Plan.

Element 2 Progress 43%

Land Use includes goals and policies necessary to ensure that the City will direct growth according to sound principles and to ensure that the balance of land uses matches the City’s needs for the future.

Policy: 18 Action: 29



	%	#
Status Pending	10	3
On Track	41	12
Some Disruption	14	4
Upcoming	7	2
Completed	28	8

Policy 2.1

Maintain an updated Existing Land Use Map

Policy 2.2

Utilize the Preferred Growth Concept Map, the Preferred Land Preservation Plan and the Future Land Use Map to guide all development review applications within the plan horizon.

Policy 2.3

Provide expanded flexibility for mixed-use by implementing the mixed-use future land use designations that reflect the priorities of the Denton community and reflect current market conditions.

Policy 2.4 Progress 100%

Use the Denton Mobility Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to coordinate mobility and infrastructure planning to be consistent with the Land Use Element.

Action: 2



	%	#
Completed	100	2

Action 2.4.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Use the Mobility Plan to reflect the development intensity and areas of new growth illustrated in the Land Use Element.

Short-Term

Action Type

Capital
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation, and Environmental Services

The 2022 Mobility Plan and Thoroughfare Plan Map were updated and adopted concurrent with the Denton 2040 Comprehensive Plan and reflect the desired growth patters established by the Future Land Use Map.

Action 2.4.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Update the DDC to allow publicly owned and managed trails within riparian buffers and water-related areas.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development; Engineering; Parks and Recreation

Council approved a Code amendment to the Denton Development Code on March 23, 2022 to allow publicly owned trails within these Environmentally Sensitive Areas.

Policy 2.5

Improve coordination with other entities to implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 2.6

Progress 36%

Promote mixed-use development, diversification, and intensification of Downtown Denton.

Action: 5



Action 2.6.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Update the Downtown Master Plan and the Downtown Implementation Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

The Design Downtown Denton Area Plan kicked off in Summer of 2023. Through extensive public engagement and analysis, the project team developed a vision, community priorities, recommendations, and proposed actions. The plan includes recommendations for improved mobility, infill development, and additional housing. It was approved at the September 17, 2025, City Council meeting.

Action 2.6.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create regulatory incentives, such as density bonuses, to expand housing in and adjacent to Downtown through adaptive re-use, utilization of upper stories, and infill development.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development and Planning & Development

Action 2.6.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Refocus the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) in the Downtown area so that it incorporates the new strategies in the 2020 Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

Action 2.6.4  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 80%

Consider creation of a Parking Management Authority to address the parking challenges in Downtown Denton.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

The Downtown Parking Study has been completed, and Transportation Services is currently awaiting the Final Recommendations from the Citywide Parking Study. Once the outcomes of the Citywide Parking Study are reviewed, Transportation Services will be able to make recommendations regarding parking management authority or other necessary steps.

Action 2.6.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create development standards for urban design, streetscape, scale, and architectural character applicable to the Downtown based on the updated Downtown Master Plan and DTIP, the guidance of the general urban design principles and policies of the Community Character and Urban Design Element, and the proposed citywide Urban Design Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 2.7 Progress 42%

Encourage collaborative planning for development and redevelopment surrounding UNT, TWU, and other major institutions.



● On Track	%	#
	100	3

Action: 3

Action 2.7.1 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 85%

Create more Neighborhood/University Compatibility Area Area Plans with UNT and TWU, and coordinate them with the updated Downtown Master Plan and Downtown Implementation Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type
Planning

Responsible Department or Agency
Planning & Development and Economic Development

A Resolution (19-013) accepting the vision, goals, recommendations, and implementation strategies proposed with the Oak Gateway Area Plan was approved by City Council on January 15, 2019. The plan envisioned the following for the three subareas:

- A stable, walkable neighborhood that preserved the historic character while providing opportunities for revitalization.
- Housing that is affordable for low- to moderate-income families and students with livable neighborhoods that include improved community services, multi-modal infrastructure, and quality green spaces.
- An area that preserves and revitalizes the mixed-use neighborhood for families and students that preserves and builds upon the existing housing options, green spaces, tree canopy, and public infrastructure.

The Design Downton Denton Plan was adopted on September 17, 2024. The plan includes strategies to improve connectivity to UNT and TWU with public realm improvements and infill development and through a common Downtown brand.

Action 2.7.2

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 40%

Establish and update agreements for joint city – university planning, partnership, and collaboration within the Neighborhood/University Compatibility Areas, focusing on issues such as:

- Creation of redevelopment target areas surrounding blighted properties
- Regulation of on-street and off-street parking
- Pedestrian and bicycle facility improvement
- Hazard mitigation
- Housing
- Wayfinding
- Preservation of historic structures and features
- Green Infrastructure

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

As an ongoing action, City staff works collaboratively with UNT and TWU to ensure public infrastructure and area planning efforts address localized needs, identify opportunities for advancement, and further the community’s goals.

Action 2.7.3

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Create development standards for urban design, streetscape, scale, green infrastructure, and architectural character applicable for the Neighborhood/ University Compatibility Area future land use designation based on the proposed Neighborhood/ University Compatibility Area Area Plan, the guidance of the general urban design principles and policies of the Community Character and Urban Design Element, and the proposed citywide Urban Design Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

This action item has been added to the Planning Department’s 2026 Initiatives as part of an overall Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Policy 2.8

Progress 17%

Create incentives and regulatory tools to promote new development or redevelopment of key centers and corridors.



	%	#
On Track	67	2
Upcoming	33	1

Action: 3

Action 2.8.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 25%

Prioritize and create Area Plans for centers and corridors, consistent with the Focus Areas Concept.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

In 2022, City Council considered a list of areas identified in the Focus Areas Concept and prioritized Loop 288 and Sherman Drive, Southeast Denton, and Downtown as priorities for area planning efforts. With the adoption of the Southeast Denton Area Plan and Design Downtown Denton, staff will continue to explore opportunities for additional area planning efforts, including future discussions with City Council for re-prioritization.

Additionally, Planning staff conducted a study of a portion of East University Drive which included a segment located near Lakeview Boulevard and North Trinity Road. The study resulted in a Future Land Use Map amendment to align the designation with the appropriate and desired future land uses.

Action 2.8.2

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Establish Overlay Districts as a result of Area Plans that apply revised development standards tailored to specific centers and corridors.

Long-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 2.8.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 25%

Establish Area Plans and Overlay Districts for employment focus areas to support industry clusters such as high-tech parks and rail/freight focused developments and minimize impacts to nearby residential land uses.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

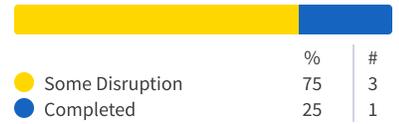
Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Economic Development staff regularly work with businesses and developers to identify sites for businesses that are complimentary to the business and support industry clusters. Using area plans and other City plans, Staff work to recruit suitable businesses for each focus area.

Policy 2.9 Progress 46%

Promote the stability and livability of established neighborhoods through the creation of guidelines and standards for compatible infill and the removal of impediments to redevelopment.



Action: 4

Action 2.9.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Some Disruption Progress 25%

Conduct an inventory to identify areas of the city with infill potential within established neighborhoods.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

As part of the Planning Division's 2025/2026 Initiatives, staff is analyzing existing neighborhoods to find infill opportunities. This includes a study of existing zoning, vacant parcels, infrastructure, services, and capacity.

Action 2.9.2 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Some Disruption Progress 25%

Establish criteria to identify the characteristics of compatible infill development, which would include guidelines to prevent impacts and encroachments of incompatible uses, development scales and intensities.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Environmental Services

As part of the Planning Division's 2025/2026 Initiatives, staff is identifying characteristics of appropriate infill development and assessing areas where a variety of uses, scale, and intensity may be compatible and beneficial

Action 2.9.3

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 35%

Identify and remove regulatory impediments to compatible infill and redevelopment. Consider zoning overlays, form-based codes, hybrid codes, and other code solutions to support compatible redevelopment and infill.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Environmental Services

Overall, staff is analyzing current policies and how they impact infill development, including identifying the potential barriers to infill development particularly related to residential uses. Staff is also reviewing benchmark city regulations/outcomes, and industry best practices.

More specifically, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) recommended approval of updates to the City’s Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Townhome regulations to remove some regulatory barriers, particularly for infill. The proposed changes, including building scale, parking, setbacks, permitted primary use, lot size, and open space are scheduled for consideration by the City Council in January 2026.

Action 2.9.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Enact standards in the Denton Development Code to ensure proper transitions and buffers between conflicting land use, scale, and intensities.

Short-Term

Denton Development Code 7.7.6 outlines the minimum buffer widths and elements required between conflicting land uses.

Policy 2.10

Progress 50%

Promote the stability, quality, and functionality of commercial and employment areas through improved development standards and by addressing obsolescence.

	%	#
● On Track	50	1
● Completed	50	1

Action: 2

Action 2.10.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Create and maintain an inventory of underutilized and abandoned “big box” retail structures as potential adaptive reuse, infill, and redevelopment sites to be developed to fill gaps in commercial and employment areas.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

An inventory of underutilized retail properties has been created. The list is filtered by factors such as the size and age of buildings to determine those properties most likely to be redeveloped.

Action 2.10.2

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Create and apply design and development standards to improve development quality and functionality of commercial and employment areas.

Mid-Term

The Planning Department's 2026 Initiatives include an overall Urban Design Plan which will include standards for commercial and employment uses. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Policy 2.11

Progress 100%

Promote development of Master Planned Communities (MPCs) and Planned Developments that are consistent with the long-term vision of the Preferred Land Preservation Plan and FLUM.



	%	#
Completed	100	2

Action: 2

Action 2.11.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Establish a process to facilitate revisions to the land use mix and design of approved MPCs including:

- Design that furthers the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Preferred Growth Concept and the Preferred Land Preservation Plan
- A mix of housing types to reflect changing demographics and housing preferences
- Appropriate siting of schools, civic buildings, and community amenities
- Adjacency to existing transportation infrastructure systems
- Conservation development where appropriate
- Incorporation of compact, mixed-use, and walkable development patterns
- The integration of area-wide trails, greenways, and green infrastructure elements
- Developable acreage that is in balance of overall development of the city

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Environmental Services

Multiple Departments participate in bi-weekly meetings with Hunter Ranch and Cole Ranch Master Planned Community representatives discussing all aspects of development. Additionally, infrastructure coordination meetings are held bi-weekly with various internal City Departments to ensure all roadway and utility projects that affect the MPCs are coordinated.

Action 2.11.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Consider adoption of an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to complement existing tools for growth management. This would enable the timing of development approvals to encourage development in areas contiguous with the city’s current footprint and priority development areas consistent with the Preferred Growth Concept.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Water, Wastewater, and Engineering and Planning & Development

The annexation procedure outlined in Denton Development Code Subsection 2.7.5 is intended to outline the steps necessary to manage the growth of the City’s land area. As part of the criteria for approval, the request is analyzed to determine the immediate needs and consideration of long-term effects, including consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and ensuring appropriate management of areas which may impact traffic, drainage, utilities, or safety and health.

Policy 2.12

Progress 0%

Expand the city limits through annexations at a rate consistent with the city’s growth rate and the demand for additional land, based on fiscal impact, the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the provision of city infrastructure and services.



	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 2.12.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Revise annexation policies to reflect the sufficiency of undeveloped land within the present city limit, the need for a contiguous development pattern at the edge, and an assessment of the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the provision of city infrastructure and services in various portions of the ETJ.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development, Water, Wastewater, and DME

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 2.13

Progress 0%

Ensure proper and orderly development of both surface uses and mineral interests within the City’s boundaries and extra-territorial jurisdiction under current conditions.



	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 2.13.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Prepare an Energy Exploration Master Plan to establish a long-term vision for energy exploration in Denton that guides siting, permitting, maintenance, inspections, reporting, and transitioning.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services and Sustainability, Planning & Development, and Legal

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 2.14

Progress 0%

Protect rural character and scenic open space at the city's Edge to promote the achievement of the Preferred Growth Concept, Preferred Land Preservation Plan, and the FLUM.



	%	#
Upcoming	100	1

Action: 1

Action 2.14.2

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Expand the network of protected rural open space including floodplains and stream corridors through open space in conservation easements and through land dedications, voluntary conservation easements, land trusts, and parks. Develop procedures for transfers of ownership and responsibilities for management of protected open space.

Long-Term

Action Type

Planning

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and, Parks & Recreation

Policy 2.15

Support continued intergovernmental coordination to address common issues of growth management and resource conservation and provision of public facilities and services.

Policy 2.16

Progress 100%

Support designated future land uses within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to control the extent and character of development in the city's periphery.



	%	#
Completed	100	1

Action: 1

Action 2.16.3

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Update the interim MUD policy criteria to encourage consistency with land use criteria, adopted plans, and adopted infrastructure standards and require review of any MUDs in the development review process.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

In October 2022, the City Council approved an updated Municipal Utility District policy. The interim policy, adopted in 2020, had proven to be challenging to implement as it did not sufficiently provide guidance for developments located in extra territorial jurisdictions 1 and 2.

Policy 2.17

Progress 25%

Continue to facilitate and support desired forms of development and improved standards for urban design and placemaking that are consistent with the Preferred Growth Scenario, Preferred Land Preservation Plan, and FLUM.



● On Track	%	#
	100	2

Action: 2

Action 2.17.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 50%

Create and apply additional Area Plans to address challenges and enhance unique character areas.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

In 2022, City Council considered a list of areas identified in the Focus Areas Concept and prioritized Loop 288 and Sherman Drive, Southeast Denton, and Downtown as priorities for area planning efforts. With the adoption of the Southeast Denton Area Plan and Design Downtown Denton, staff will continue to explore opportunities as an ongoing action for additional area planning efforts, including future discussions with City Council for re-prioritization.

Action 2.17.2

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Streamline the approval process for developments demonstrated to be consistent with the Preferred Growth Concept, Preferred Land Preservation Plan and FLUM.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This is an ongoing action whereby Project Facilitation staff coordinates with developers and development review staff to ensure expeditious reviews and approvals for new development projects which meet all policy and regulatory documents.

Policy 2.18

Progress 25%

Set a high standard of quality in the design of the public realm to enhance appearance and functionality.



	%	#
● On Track	50	1
● Some Disruption	50	1

Action: 2

Action 2.18.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 50%

Enhance design standards pertaining to aesthetics and complete streets for future construction of public rights-of-way and thoroughfares.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation and Planning & Development

Planning staff will continue to coordinate with Transportation to provide appropriate aesthetic design standards as part of their Complete Streets initiatives

Action 2.18.3

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Establish public realm design guidelines for buildings, streets, and public spaces that will achieve an aesthetically-pleasing interface between the public and private realm.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item has been added to the Planning Department's 2026 Initiatives as part of an overall Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Element 3

Progress 34%

Fiscal and Economic Vitality contains goals and policies related to the economic strength of the city and principles for growing in a fiscally healthy manner.

Policy: 15

Action: 16



Policy 3.1

Progress 40%

Use the Future Land Use Map (FLUM), the 2020 Economic Development Strategic Plan, and the 2021 Affordable Housing Needs Market Value Analysis to ensure adequate development areas exist to support a self-sustaining economy with a diversity of live/work/play development opportunities.

Action: 3



Action 3.1.3



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Incentivize the development or redevelopment of mixed-use projects that provide flexible space for commercial, office, and residential use.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

Action 3.1.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 20%

Evaluate the need for additional development code standards that encourage infill and redevelopment, and remove growth impediments in the area of Denton that is incorporated.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development and Economic Development

As part of the Planning Division's 2025/2026 Initiatives, Planning staff is analyzing existing regulations and evaluating industry best practices in order to understand possible Denton Development Code updates to encourage infill and redevelopment.

Action 3.1.5

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Complete and implement the fiscal impact tool in development reviews and land use decisions.

Short-Term

In 2022 Planning Staff created a Fiscal Impact Analysis tool and presented it to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. For projects submitted after January 1, 2023 Planning staff will be including a Fiscal Impact Analysis report for all applicable applications that go to the P&Z and City Council.

Policy 3.2

Ensure the development of new workplaces that are close to and complement surrounding residential, civic, and recreational land uses.

Policy 3.3

Ensure consistency between the City's existing regulations and policies and the 2020 Economic Development Strategic Plan for identifying and recruiting target industries.

Policy 3.4

Improve the workforce opportunities for the resident labor force and local university graduates.

Policy 3.5

Progress 75%

Create a citywide branding and placemaking strategy that is consistent with the design standards of approved documents.



Category	%	#
On Track	50	1
Some Disruption	50	1

Action: 2

Action 3.5.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 75%

Implement the pedestrian and bicycle linkage component of the Denton Mobility Plan to increase access and visitation to recreation, retail, and entertainment districts.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering, Planning & Development, and Parks & Recreation

1. Transportation Services has developed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Criteria and is working towards creating a prioritized list of projects. This process was paused for several months due to the departure of the employee responsible for this task from the City of Denton. The position of Senior Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner has recently been filled, with the new hire set to join on October 27. The prioritization process for bicycle and pedestrian projects will resume in November 2025, with an expected completion date of March 2026.
2. Transportation Services is developing the Active Transportation Component of the mobility plan. This component will focus not only on bicycles, but also on pedestrians and other micromobility modes, as part of the overall Mobility Plan. For this purpose, Transportation Services has applied for \$1.0 million in funding via USDOT's 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant, with a 95% confidence level for the award. The project funding will help the city update its 2022 Mobility Plan, enhance the Active Transportation Component, and revise the ADA Transition Plan. The funding award announcements are expected in November 2025.

Action 3.5.5

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 75%

Develop and implement a strategy to centralize and coordinate, but not standardize, communication and marketing efforts among all City departments and entities.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Marketing and Communications

Accomplishments:

Sub-brand concepts have been received from CivicBrand. Meetings are being scheduled with city leadership and department heads associated with the created sub-brands to gather their feedback. Ongoing collaboration with CivicBrand continues to support the development of a centralized brand, brand architecture, and brand guidelines to unify organizational marketing efforts.

Roadblocks:

Implementation of the centralized brand and the centralization of departmental marketing budgets are currently paused, pending further direction from city leadership as determined during the ongoing budget process. Both initiatives are experiencing delays due to these circumstances.

Next Steps:

Await further guidance from city leadership regarding approval to proceed with the centralized brand implementation and potential budget centralization. Continue preparatory work as appropriate to ensure readiness for implementation once approval is granted.

Policy 3.6

Work with organizations to design, promote, and advertise events for Downtown.

Policy 3.7

Maintain a balance of revenue sources that supports desired levels of service, while remaining inviting to development.

Policy 3.8

Progress 0%



Integrate land use and infrastructure investment decisions to maximize utilization of existing infrastructure.

	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 3.8.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Explore adequate public facilities and green infrastructure requirements in coordination with land use policies and open space conservation.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Water, Wastewater, Engineering, Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 3.9

Progress 0%



Update the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) annually to prioritize the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

	%	#
● Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 3.9.7

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Explore the feasibility of conducting a robust community outreach and engagement program to promote establishing or increasing impact fees for needed public services and infrastructure, including roads, public safety enhancements, parks and recreation facilities, and libraries.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

All Departments

Policy 3.10 Progress 50%

Utilize fiscal tools that incentivize development while offsetting its cost to the community.

Action: 2



	%	#
● Status Pending	50	1
● Completed	50	1

Action 3.10.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Establish procedures for conducting fiscal and economic impact analyses to evaluate the potential short and long-term impacts of future annexations, zoning decisions, and other land use decisions.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

In 2022 Planning Staff created a Fiscal Impact Analysis tool and presented it to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. For projects submitted after January 1, 2023 Planning staff will be including a Fiscal Impact Analysis report for all applicable applications that go to the P&Z and City Council.

Action 3.10.3 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Use the benefits of economic incentives to direct continued investments at the Denton Enterprise Airport and surrounding industrial district.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development and Airport

Policy 3.11

Review and adopt land use regulations to support infill development and redevelopment efforts in the developed core.

Policy 3.12 Progress 50%

Encourage more dense development to increase market feasibility and create vibrancy.

Action: 2



	%	#
● On Track	50	1
● Completed	50	1

Action 3.12.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Work with developers to increase the stock of owner-occupied smaller residential units.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development, Planning & Development

On October 15, 2024, City Council voted unanimously in favor of amending the Denton Development Code to include Section 2.12 - Affordability Incentives Program (DCA-0010a). The ordinance updates the Denton Development Code (DDC) to include nine development incentives for residential projects that commit to providing affordable housing. These incentives offer flexibility in exchange for including affordable units in the development. The amendment became effective October 29, 2024. Developers interested in accessing these incentives can learn more on the City's website.

Action 3.12.4

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Use existing and new public facilities such as parks, schools, and libraries as neighborhood anchors and activity centers.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development, Planning & Development, Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Recreation

This is an ongoing action whereby Planning staff coordinates with developers, Parks and Recreation staff, and other relevant staff as part of the review and analysis of any new development project.

Policy 3.13

Progress 0%

Improve partnerships and collaboration with other governmental entities to implement the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 3.13.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Require that plans for new park facilities are coordinated with planning for other government facilities, and vice versa. Identify opportunities for clustering multiple public facilities together with parks and recreation facilities, including libraries, fire stations, and school sites.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Policy 3.14 Progress 70%

Work with developers to share the cost of necessary public service investments.



	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 3.14.1  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 70%

Establish multi-modal requirements for all new development to increase the share of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure over personal automobile infrastructure.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering, Planning & Development

1. This task is related to the update of the Mobility Plan, for which the Transportation Services has applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as part of the 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant. An announcement regarding the funding is expected in November 2025. The project will commence as soon as the grant agreement is executed between the City of Denton and the USDOT.
2. In parallel, the Transportation Services staff is meeting with the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) to discuss the multimodal requirements and the current public transportation needs of the City of Denton. City staff is also actively participating in the DCTA's strategic planning process.
3. Transportation Services staff have applied for over \$7.0 million in funding for multimodal improvement projects in the City of Denton as part of the DCTA's Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP 2024 and TRiP 2025). The funds have been awarded by the DCTA for both TRiP 2024 and TRiP 2025, and the staff are currently working on implementing these multimodal enhancements.
4. The Transportation Services Staff is preparing another USDOT funding application for a standalone Transit 2.0 Study. This study will inform the Mobility Plan update regarding the land use and transportation policies necessary to accommodate significant demographic changes, as outlined in NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Plan update and the Regional Transit 2.0 Framework. If the process goes smoothly, we anticipate launching this study in mid-2026.

Policy 3.15 Progress 0%

Establish dedicated revenues to fund necessary expansions of capital infrastructure to accommodate growth.

Action: 3



	%	#
Status Pending	100	3

Action 3.15.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Complete and implement a Stormwater impact fee.

Short-Term

Action Type
Planning

Action 3.15.2 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Explore the feasibility of establishing additional or more comprehensive impact fees for necessary public services including public safety, parks and recreation, libraries, and general government.

Mid-Term

Action Type
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency
All Departments

Action 3.15.3 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Analyze the performance of impact fees, and if necessary, revise the impact feeds to ensure that they are designed to incentivize compact growth and disincentivize sprawl.

Mid-Term

Element 4 Progress 24%

Community Character and Urban Design includes goals and policies for maintaining the unique character of Denton and building upon its distinguishing characteristics. This element includes policies for placemaking, arts and culture, and historic preservation.

Policy: 17 Action: 42



	%	#
Status Pending	40	17
On Track	21	9
Some Disruption	12	5
Major Disruption	5	2
Upcoming	5	2
Completed	17	7

Policy 4.1 Progress 0%

Expand Denton's evaluation of historic landmarks, districts, neighborhoods, and cultural resources by utilizing the 2019 Historic Preservation Plan.

Action: 2



	%	#
Status Pending	100	2

Action 4.1.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Identify and recommend areas within the city limits that qualify for historic districts based on distinctive character, and intact scale and architectural character. Historic districts will receive appropriate zoning classification to enforce and ensure preservation of structures within the district.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 4.1.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Identify and recommend areas within the city limits that qualify for conservation district designation to protect distinctive character and the area's scale and architectural character.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

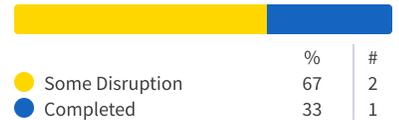
Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 4.2 Progress 83%

Identify the unique areas, including gathering and green open space areas, within the city that highlight Denton's sense of place and urban vitality.

Action: 3



Action 4.2.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 75%

Partner and collaborate with the community and stakeholders to prepare a Citywide Branding and Placemaking Strategy that identifies gateways and branding stations and links together existing character areas and provides neighborhood recognition through a wayfinding program by using a combination of environmental graphics, print materials, and web-based information. Coordinate with mobility planning so that motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users can easily locate destinations throughout Denton.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Marketing and Communications, Transportation, Planning & Development

Accomplishments:

Sub-brand concepts have been received from CivicBrand. Meetings are being scheduled with city leadership and department heads associated with the created sub-brands to gather their feedback. Ongoing collaboration with CivicBrand continues to support the development of a centralized brand, brand architecture, and brand guidelines to unify organizational marketing efforts.

Roadblocks:

Implementation of the centralized brand is currently paused, pending further direction from city leadership as determined during the ongoing budget process. Feedback from city leadership and impacted department heads on the newly created sub-brands is also pending.

Next Steps:

Await guidance from city leadership regarding approval to proceed with centralized brand implementation and potential budget centralization. Continue preparatory work to ensure readiness for implementation once approval is granted. Upon approval, prioritize no-to-low cost implementations of the new brand, focusing on digital assets and existing assets scheduled for natural replacement. Implementation of the new brand on new (physical, not digital) wayfinding signage will require additional approval and guidance from city leadership.

Action 4.2.7

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 75%

Establish standards for branding stations as part of *Citywide Branding and Placemaking Strategy* and coordinate with overall marketing strategy administered by the Public Information Office of Denton.

Short-Term

Accomplishments:

Sub-brand concepts have been received from CivicBrand. Meetings are being scheduled with city leadership and department heads associated with the created sub-brands to gather their feedback. Ongoing collaboration with CivicBrand continues to support the development of a centralized brand, brand architecture, and brand guidelines to unify organizational marketing efforts.

Roadblocks:

Implementation of the centralized brand remains paused, pending further direction from city leadership as part of the ongoing budget process. Additional clarification is needed regarding the definition and scope of a 'branding station.'

Next Steps:

Await guidance from city leadership regarding approval for centralized brand implementation. Continue preparatory work to ensure readiness for implementation upon approval. Seek further clarification on the definition of a 'branding station.'

Action 4.2.8

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Create a web-based mechanism for community members to present new ideas for celebrating Denton's sense of place or developing new community-driven projects by providing a streamlined and transparent crowdsourcing process to propose projects to the City.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Marketing and Communications

Marketing and Communications is prepared for the transition from Bang the Table to Zencity, scheduled for January 1, 2026. All active engagement projects have been successfully migrated to the Zencity platform. Leading up to the transition, the team will collaborate with internal stakeholders to establish new user accounts on Zencity and coordinate in-person training with Zencity staff on January 14.

Current Discuss Denton subscribers will be notified about the platform change and provided with clear instructions for setting up new user accounts. While notification subscriptions will automatically transfer, users will need to create new accounts to participate in activities such as asking questions and taking surveys. Residents will be informed in advance through social media, Nextdoor, and the city newsletter.

On January 1, www.cityofdenton.com/discussdenton will redirect users to the new platform, and a prominent access button will be added to the city's website homepage to ensure a seamless user experience.

This update is being marked as 100% complete, as the migration will be finalized by the official deadline of December 31, 2025.

Policy 4.3

Progress 33%

Actively preserve and maintain Denton's existing and future identified historic resources in conformance with the goals and policies in the 2019 Historic Preservation Plan.



	%	#
Status Pending	67	2
Completed	33	1

Action: 3

Action 4.3.1



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Implement recommendations for historic landmark, historic district, and conservation districts per updated historic resources survey to ensure consistent protection.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 4.3.3

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Update the Downtown Master Plan and the Downtown Implementation Plan to incorporate historic resource preservation within the Downtown area and ensure that the character, aesthetic, and scale of Downtown are maintained.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

The Design Downtown Denton (DDD) Plan was approved by City Council at their September 17, 2025 meeting. Through extensive public engagement and analysis, the project team developed a vision, community priorities, recommendations, and proposed actions, many of which include the preservation of Downtown’s historic character, scale, and aesthetic. In the DDD Plan there are four recommendations correlated to historic preservation in Downtown. They are:

- Recommendation 2A: Quakertown Park Master Plan
- Recommendation 2F: Improvements to the County’s Historic Park
- Recommendation 3C: Strengthen Historic Preservation Opportunities
- Recommendation 3D: Public Realm Design Guidelines and Zoning

For more information on DDD recommendations, please visit the [dashboard](#).

Action 4.3.5



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Coordinate preservation regulations to be consistent with expansion plans for local educational institutions.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

Policy 4.4

Provide local financial incentives for historic preservation in Denton.

Policy 4.5

Progress 0%

Ensure proper and sustained maintenance of Denton’s historic resources, neighborhoods, and community centers.



Category	%	#
Some Disruption	100	1

Action: 1

Action 4.5.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 0%

Establish a volunteer program through City Council action to support the maintenance of areas having historical or cultural significance.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Development Services, Community Services

This initiative is not active and will be placed on hold until the appropriate staff member(s) are assigned with adequate resources to complete.

Policy 4.6

Progress 3%

Promote a sense of urban vitality throughout Denton by providing opportunities for public art.

Action: 7

	%	#
Status Pending	86	6
On Track	14	1

Action 4.6.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 20%

Encourage the use of public art to highlight neighborhood identity in Denton’s existing and future neighborhoods through a Public Art Master Plan for Denton and include public arts as a component of all Area Plans.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Both Southeast Denton Area Plan (SEDAP) and Design Downtown Denton (DDD) include recommendations to promote public art:

- **SEDAP - Action 2.2.3:** Activate the new Southeast Denton Cultural District through various activities such as a Heritage Walk, a cultural map, special signage, crosswalks with mural designs at intersections in the District, an archival event with the community to gather and document oral histories and displaying these at the American Legion Hall and/or MLK Jr. Recreation Center.
- **DDD - AE4** Support the addition of interactive art, music, sculptures, and lighting to create engaging spaces.

Action 4.6.2

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Integrate public art into the planning and design for City and County-owned public facilities, parks and trails, and other publicly-funded projects and projects on City-owned land.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Action 4.6.4  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create a program to investigate the temporary reuse of vacant and/or underutilized parcels and building facades for art exhibitions and murals.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Action 4.6.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with DCTA, the Greater Denton Arts Council, and education communities to install public art at transit facilities and on the university campuses.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, Transportation

Action 4.6.7  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Ensure that opportunities for public art are included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and revisited on an annual basis.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Capital Projects, Parks & Recreation

Action 4.6.8  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Evaluate opportunities for public art to be included as part of the I-35 expansion and potential highway underpasses and overpasses.

Mid-Term

Action 4.6.9  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Engage the community through a public involvement process to identify locations and designs for public art.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Policy 4.7 Progress 30%

Promote a sense of urban vitality throughout Denton by providing venues for performing and visual arts and music events.

Action: 8



	%	#
Status Pending	25	2
On Track	25	2
Some Disruption	13	1
Major Disruption	25	2
Completed	13	1

Action 4.7.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Major Disruption

Progress 0%

Study the viability of an Arts and Entertainment Overlay District to the full boundary of the Original Denton District with appropriate regulations for hours, lighting, and design, sensitive to surrounding uses.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This initiative is not active and will be placed on hold until the appropriate staff member(s) are assigned with adequate resources to complete.

Action 4.7.3

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Major Disruption

Progress 0%

Explore the possibility of requiring a baseline percentage of ground-floor retail that should be occupied by tenants related to the arts and culture industry within the Downtown or a future Arts and Entertainment Overlay District.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This initiative is not active and will be placed on hold until the appropriate staff member(s) are assigned with adequate resources to complete.

Action 4.7.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 50%

Study where opportunities for arts and music venues, including an amphitheater, could be created in vacant or underutilized sites, adjacent to Downtown and the Downtown Denton Transit Centers, that can be supported by the A-train.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development and Planning & Development

Staff continue to study and track vacancies across downtown. The Main Street Program Manager has a large focus on business recruitment and retention, working to identify businesses that would be a good fit for existing vacancies. Staff continue to work on projects near the A-Train or that could be supported by the A-Train.

Action 4.7.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with the public arts programs to formally demarcate arts and music venues and event locations through permanent or temporary public art and public realm improvements.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Action 4.7.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Study the use of tax incentives and subsidies to attract arts and music organizations and private investors.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development

Action 4.7.8  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 65%

Create a *Special Events Integrated Transportation Plan* that studies opportunities for shared parking, transit, shuttles, and available parking facilities to accommodate local and regional travel to and from events and venues in Denton, without overly burdening Denton's facilities and highlighting use of alternative transportation modes.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering

1. The Downtown Parking Study is now complete, and recommendations are available regarding shared parking, transit, shuttles, and Mobility as a Service.
2. Transportation Services is currently awaiting the recommendations from the Citywide Parking Study. Once these recommendations are reviewed, they will be able to develop a comprehensive citywide parking and special events strategy.

Action 4.7.9  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Some Disruption Progress 25%

Create a program to temporarily rent areas to display art, including, but not limited to, sculptures in City facilities, on City property, and in local businesses and developments, such as art is storefronts and sculptures on loan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Economic Development

A draft plan has been created and shared with the Public Art Committee. At this time due to budgetary and staffing constraints, this program has been put on pause.

Action 4.7.10  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Identify opportunities to host performing arts events or block parties in publicly-owned areas including parks, streets, and public buildings.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Economic Development

Parks and Recreation supports events produced by the community in numerous locations throughout the City and guides them through the permitting process. In addition, staff coordinates with a number of departments that provide services to special events r to help them provide the best event possible that can be provided to the public.

Policy 4.8 Progress 0%

Bolster the role of arts and music in Denton’s economy.

Action: 3



	%	#
● Status Pending	67	2
● Upcoming	33	1

Action 4.8.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create and enhance programs for arts education through local schools and institutions that will lead to local job growth.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Action 4.8.3 Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035 Upcoming

Conduct a study to understand the current and future economic development value of music and the visual and performing arts in Denton.

Long-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development

Action 4.8.7 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Explore opportunities for donations and grants to assist art and music-related efforts and community festivals in Denton.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Economic Development, Parks and Recreation

Policy 4.9 Progress 0%

Promote the historic identity of Denton as an economic asset and tourism potential.

Action: 1



	%	#
Some Disruption	100	1

Action 4.9.2 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Some Disruption Progress 0%

Include the location of historic landmarks, historic districts, conservation districts, and a wayfinding plan within the Citywide Branding and Placemaking Strategy as a mechanism for heritage tourism generation.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Marketing and Communications

The City of Denton has placed the Citywide Rebranding campaign on hold. Once the campaign restarts and is complete, larger branding and placemaking strategy discussions will take place.

Policy 4.10 Progress 0%

Provide places for community gathering that serve as the expression of individual neighborhood diversity, and Denton's unique character throughout the city.

Action: 3



	%	#
On Track	100	3

Action 4.10.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Conduct a study of existing community gathering spaces and their use, as well as their suitability for various activities and events throughout Denton and highlight these through Discover Denton and other economic development organizations.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

Parks and Recreation supports events produced by the community in numerous locations throughout the City and guides them through the permitting process. In addition, staff coordinates with a number of departments that provide services to special events r to help them provide the best event possible that can be provided to the public.

Action 4.10.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Enhance zoning requirements to include public community gathering space within mixed-use developments and centers. Establish regulations and procedures for the design, installation and maintenance of community gathering spaces, as well as regulations for noise and time of use for privately-owned and operated community gathering spaces, consistent with underlying and surrounding land use.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 4.10.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Create design standards for the creation and redesign of community gathering spaces in Denton in new and existing centers. Ensure that gathering spaces are accessible and defensible through Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant design and using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 4.11 Progress 0%

Create new guiding policy to integrate urban design objectives with other planning mechanisms, such as land use, zoning and subdivision regulations, historic preservation, economic development, and environmental protection.



	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 4.11.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Prepare an Urban Design Plan for Denton that is consistent with revised future land use designations and urban design goals and that provides a citywide approach to visual quality and image. Incorporate policies from the Comprehensive Plan as the framework for this plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item has been added to the Planning Department’s 2026 Initiatives. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Policy 4.12 Progress 67%

Elevate community character in Denton by creating Area Plans for areas undergoing new development, in need of revitalization, and established neighborhoods.



	%	#
● Upcoming	33	1
● Completed	67	2

Action: 3

Action 4.12.2 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Create Neighborhood/University Compatibility Area Area Plans to ensure that urban design principles are followed in development projects within those areas.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

The adoption of the Oak Gateway Plan directly supports the 2040 Comprehensive Plan’s goal to create Neighborhood/University Compatibility Area Plans by serving as a tangible example of how urban design principles can guide development near university-adjacent neighborhoods. Focused on the area surrounding the University of North Texas, the Oak Gateway Plan establishes a framework to preserve neighborhood character while accommodating growth, using tools like zoning updates and Specific Use Permits to ensure architectural compatibility and community input. By emphasizing small-scale ownership housing and context-sensitive design, the plan demonstrates how to balance university expansion with neighborhood stability. Its adoption marks a key step in implementing the broader vision of the 2040 Plan, offering a replicable model for future Compatibility Area Plans across Denton.

Action 4.12.4 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Create a prioritization of centers, corridors, and other focus areas to streamline and direct the process of creating Area Plans. Prioritization should be based on ripeness of development potential, level of community support, existence of threatened historic resources, economic development catalysts, and other sensitive issues.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

On April 5, 2022, City Council gave staff direction to proceed with the preparation of the top three identified Area Plans (Northeast Denton, Southeast Denton, and update to the Downtown Master Plan). At the meeting, the Council directed staff to proceed with Northeast Denton and Southeast Denton Area Plans first - with the Downtown Master Plan to follow soon after.

Action 4.12.5 Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035 Upcoming

Adopt Overlay Districts following the creation of Area Plans as needed to ensure that appropriate guidelines are followed.

Long-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 4.13

Elevate the appearance of the public realm in Denton through high-quality urban design guidelines for the public rights-of-way and spaces.

Policy 4.14 Progress 33%

Link Denton’s public realm together through a unified network of public spaces.

Action: 3

	%	#
● Status Pending	67	2
● Completed	33	1

Action 4.14.1 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Provide a mechanism for coordination between the Parks, Recreation and Trails System Master Plan, the Mobility Plan, Urban Design Plan, and Area Plans to ensure that the design of the public realm creates a cohesive network of public spaces in Denton.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Planning & Development, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 4.14.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Ensure that new development addresses established pedestrian and bicycle networks and provides for additional connectivity to further encourage pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and other alternative transportation modes throughout Denton.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Planning & Development, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 4.14.3 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Through partnership and collaboration with UNT and TWU, and the creation of Neighborhood/ University Compatibility Area Area Plans, encourage more community interaction with the universities and the City by linking physical access between these institutions and public property.

Short-Term

Through partnership and collaboration with UNT and TWU, the City will advance Neighborhood/University Compatibility Area Plans to promote thoughtful urban design and stronger community interaction. These plans aim to link physical access between university campuses and public spaces, encouraging walkability, connectivity, and shared use. The adoption of the Oak Gateway Plan exemplifies this approach, establishing a framework for compatible development near UNT that balances neighborhood character with institutional growth.

Policy 4.15 Progress 100%

Establish Urban Design Principles to guide all future development in Denton.

Action: 1



Action 4.15.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Ensure that the Urban Design Plan incorporates goals from the Comprehensive Plan and the Mobility Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Engineering completed the revisions to the citywide City Criteria Manuals for transportation, water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste including, Construction Specification and Standard Details. Staff presented the revised manuals to various boards/committees/commissions and conducted public outreach. Additionally, held a Council Work Session and Public Hearing that resulted in the adoption of the revised manuals in December 2022

Policy 4.16

Progress 0%



Include additional guidelines for specific land uses, in addition to overarching Urban Design Principles, to ensure desired community character is achieved with variations for use.

Status	%	#
Status Pending	33	1
On Track	67	2

Action: 3

Action 4.16.2

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Employ the following guidelines in the design of new Residential land uses:

- Create architectural guidelines and requirements for single and multi-family residential areas to establish unity and distinctive architecture with respect to massing, facade details, materials, and roof pitch, although many variations would be possible.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Citywide, this action item has been added to the Planning Department’s 2026 Initiatives as part of an overall Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Additionally, the proposed Southeast Denton Residential Overlay includes requirements for new residential development which are consistent with the existing historic character of the area, including front porches, stoops, and oversized window/doors.

Action 4.16.5



Ongoing - Ongoing

Status Pending

Skipped in numbered order.

Not in Implementation Plan

Action 4.16.8

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Employ the following guidelines in the design of Commercial land uses:

- Consider two-story, “tall box” retail in lieu of one-story, “big-box” retail, and within key corridors, and take advantage of the height to make a statement at critical intersections in the community.
- Discourage use of the parking area as primary frontage area within and around the property.
- Where a single-story commercial development is proposed, provide additional height to help mark the corner and make a significant statement on the street.
- Discourage taking truck access directly off-key corridors. Encourage truck access and servicing in the rear of primary buildings.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This is an ongoing policy whereby Planning staff coordinates with developers, Transportation Planning staff, and Landscape Planning staff in order to encourage quality urban design and safe accesses as part of the review and analysis of any development project.

Policy 4.17

Establish design guidelines for Focus Areas to aid in design review for key intersections and destinations in Denton, with the intention of creating Area Plans and corresponding Overlay Districts.

Element 5

Progress 8%

Parks, Conservation, and Environment includes the policy framework for parks and open space, as well as policies to ensure protection of Denton’s unique environmental and natural resources.

Policy: 13

Action: 40



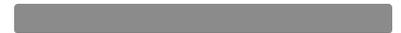
Status	%	#
Status Pending	53	21
On Track	18	7
Some Disruption	5	2
Major Disruption	13	5
Upcoming	10	4
Completed	3	1

Policy 5.1

Progress 0%

Provide for the development of superior park facilities in a range of types and sizes, per city standards, to meet Denton’s population growth.

Action: 3



Status	%	#
Status Pending	100	3

Action 5.1.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create designs for new recreation and open space facilities that respond to the context of specific neighborhood, the needs of specific segments of the community, and utilize best practices in park design. Create master plans to implement design.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation

Action 5.1.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Develop, fund, and implement future Capital Maintenance Programs and Capital Improvement Programs consistent with the updated Parks, Recreation and Trail System Master Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation

Action 5.1.7  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Periodically survey community preferences and needs regarding parks and recreation. Incorporate this information into revisions of the strategic plan, annual action plans, and updates of the Parks, Recreation and Trail System Master Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation

Policy 5.2 Progress 0%

Coordinate acquisition of parks and open space with goals for urban design, mobility, infrastructure, and environmental conservation objectives.

Action: 2



	%	#
● Status Pending	50	1
● On Track	50	1

Action 5.2.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Utilize parks and recreation spaces as elements of air and water pollution management as well as an important tool in buffering incompatible land uses, and preventing sprawl and reducing fragmentation of development by promoting land conservation.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.2.7  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 0%

Work with education communities to link parks within campus boundaries into the city network and create new parks and open space resources as part of campus development and environmental stewardship.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation, Environmental Services

This is an ongoing policy whereby Planning staff coordinates with developers, Parks and Recreation staff, and Denton ISD in order to encourage quality urban design and safe accesses as part of the review and analysis of any development project.

Policy 5.3 Progress 0%

Develop parks, open-space, and recreation facilities in a manner that is most cost-efficient for capital and operating expenses and coordinated among city departments, adjacent municipalities, DISD, and local institutions and recreation providers.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	2

Action: 2

Action 5.3.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Research feasibility of creating revenue-generating parks and recreation features that can reduce the dependency on property tax revenue and generate profits to underwrite other recreation facilities and services.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation

Action 5.3.4  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Coordinate with adjacent and nearby municipalities, school districts, local institutions, and other agencies to develop a regional, connected trail system.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, Environmental Services

Policy 5.4 Progress 0%

Promote the formation of a cohesive, broad green infrastructure framework for the city that links open space and natural resources, incorporates goals for land conservation and management, and retains the rural and natural character of Denton.

	%	#
● Status Pending	63	5
● On Track	13	1
● Upcoming	25	2

Action: 8

Action 5.4.1  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Expand upon the ESA program to create an integrated system of publicly-owned natural areas that protect the integrity of important conservation sites, protect corridors between natural areas, and preserve outstanding examples of Denton’s diverse natural environments.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.4.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Acquire and manage land and water to preserve, protect, and enhance important natural areas to contribute to a natural, healthy community and environment.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.4.3

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Use the ESA framework to identify where land use decisions are needed to provide an equitable distribution of natural resources or open space throughout the city.

Mid-Term**Action Type**

Regulation
Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, Environmental Services

Action 5.4.4

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Encourage public dedication of ESAs, such as floodplains and open spaces, for community-wide recreational use.

Mid-Term**Action Type**

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.4.9

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Work with State of Texas Department of Agriculture to conduct a survey of Prime Agricultural Land consistent with Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) standards to determine potential locations and value of agricultural land threatened by urban development within Denton city limits and the ETJ.

Long-Term**Action Type**

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.4.10

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Consider use of conservation easements and land trusts to protect agricultural land and heritage rangelands through State of Texas Department of Agriculture (i.e. Family Land Heritage Properties) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs.

Long-Term**Action Type**

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.4.11  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Encourage broader use of mitigation banks to facilitate market-based compensation to landowners that choose to help protect environmentally sensitive lands.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Environmental Services

Action 5.4.12 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Explore adequate public facilities requirements in coordination with land use policies and open space conservation.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development, Water, Wastewater, DME

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 5.5 Progress 15%

Ensure the protection of Denton’s tree canopy as an essential element of Denton’s cohesive, broad green infrastructure framework.

Action: 3



Action 5.5.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 15%

Research and validate the tree canopy goal in Denton and establish regulations accordingly, taking into consideration the topography and habitats present and also Denton's geographic location.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation, Keep Denton Beautiful

Accomplishments:

- Secured updated tree canopy assessment data.
- Integrated Tree Equity scores provided by American Forests into the project framework.

Roadblocks:

- Project timeline was delayed due to a change in vendors for tree canopy data.

Next Steps:

- Incorporate the updated tree canopy assessment and Tree Equity scores into analysis and reporting.
- Adjust project schedule to accommodate the revised data delivery timeline.

Action 5.5.5

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 30%

Explore the creation of a Tree Trusts as part of the tree preservation ordinance with incentives for developers to preserve existing trees located in development sites rather than remove or replace trees, or pay into the Tree Fund.

Short-Term**Action Type**

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

The Development Code Review Committee is currently reviewing the Tree Preservation requirements in the Denton Development Code and evaluating a variety of tools which would be used to encourage tree preservation.

Action 5.5.6

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Establish Tree Preserves in which the City purchases lands identified to have significant amounts of heritage trees for long-term preservation.

Mid-Term**Action Type**

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Policy 5.6 Progress 26%

Promote the retention of essential ecosystems and habitat in Denton’s land conservation strategies.

Action: 7

	%	#
Status Pending	43	3
On Track	29	2
Upcoming	14	1
Completed	14	1

Action 5.6.1  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Develop a plan for the conservation and preservation of native Cross Timbers Forest region trees, Blackjack Oak, Bur Oak, and Post Oak, which are critical to the local wildlife and natural ecosystem of Denton.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services

Action 5.6.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Develop conservation and development priorities to be used by planners and decision makers to systematically identify, evaluate, and synthesize various environmental attributes and evaluate ecological values.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services

Action 5.6.3  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Create a 10-year plan for acquiring and preserving open space that are considered to be of high value for ecological preservation and are not already under protection.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Parks and Recreation will consider this when the Parks, Recreation and Master Plan is updated in 2026-2027.

Action 5.6.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 80%

Determine a standard for open space provision as a percentage of development area that new developments on greenfield land must provide on- or off-site. Include this provision in development standards for Master Planned Communities (MPCs).

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Environmental Services

The Denton Development Code (DDC) currently requires minimum open space for Duplex, Triplex, Fourplex, Townhome, and Multifamily developments. Additionally, all residential developments require park land dedication or payment in lieu.

An amendment to the DDC to modify the open space requirements is currently moving through the public hearing process. The proposal exempts Duplex, Triplex, Fourplex, and Townhome developments smaller than 3 acres from open space requirement to ensure appropriate development standards.

Action 5.6.6

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Update the criteria to identify and prioritize habitats with emerging trends, current conditions, and new expertise to strengthen and continue use of this tool for open space protection.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services

Action 5.6.9

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Create an overlay to protect areas of Clear Creek Natural Heritage Area not already under ESA protection.

Long-Term

Action 5.6.10

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Identify and map wildlife corridors throughout the city.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services

The City published a Wildlife Corridor Map, identifying and mapping wildlife corridors across the City of Denton. This completed effort provides a clear framework for protecting habitat connectivity, guiding land use decisions, and integrating ecological considerations into future development. By establishing this resource, the City has strengthened long-term goals for environmental stewardship, biodiversity, and the preservation of Denton’s natural character.

Policy 5.7

Progress 0%

Uphold regional air quality goals through conservation strategies that improve air quality in Denton and the region.



	%	#
● Status Pending	60	3
● Major Disruption	20	1
● Upcoming	20	1

Action: 5

Action 5.7.2



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Protect and increase the urban tree canopy and promote the enforcement of an enhanced and high-quality Tree Preservation program to increase natural carbon sequestration.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation, Keep Denton Beautiful

Action 5.7.4



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Update policies to reduce point-source emissions in keeping with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) policy.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Transportation

Action 5.7.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Continue to use iTree to view, update, and quantify the value trees provide as infrastructure.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation

Action 5.7.7  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Major Disruption Progress 0%

Implement methods to mitigate any adverse effects of oil and gas drilling and production on air quality, such as requiring Vapor Recovery Systems in compliance the 2015 Gas Well Ordinance.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development

Gas Well ordinance (Ord. No. DCA19-0009e) was last updated in 2019/2020 which included vapor recovery references. Research needed on possible State of Texas preemption on city requirements for Vapor Recovery Systems.

Action 5.7.8 Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035 Upcoming

Explore and implement requirements to improve air quality through private community actions, new development, and revitalization efforts.

Long-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development

Policy 5.8 Progress 0%

Incorporate water management and floodplain preservation strategies into conservation prioritization to improve water quality and maintain the functioning of natural systems.

Action: 2

	%	#
● Status Pending	50	1
● On Track	50	1

Action 5.8.2



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Review and revise engineering standards for roads and stormwater systems to apply low-impact design (green infrastructure) elements to improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services

Action 5.8.4

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Limit creation of new impervious surface areas as a result of new development through the adherence with the City of Denton iSWM Design Manual including low-impact design regulations and incorporation of green standards (i.e. LEED) for new construction. Ensure that measures are regularly enforced and not waived.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services, Drainage

This is an ongoing action whereby Planning staff coordinates with developers, Environmental Services staff, and Engineering staff to ensure new development conforms to the City's iSWM standards, drainage standards, and ESA requirements as part of the review and analysis of any new development project.

Policy 5.9

Progress 14%

Further the incorporation of green design standards for new construction and improvements to existing buildings and the public realm.

Action: 7



	%	#
Status Pending	14	1
Some Disruption	29	2
Major Disruption	57	4

Action 5.9.1  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Major Disruption** Progress 0%

Explore green building standards for new residential and commercial construction, using Green Built™ Texas as a standard. Assign a staff person to oversee and streamline green building project design and commissioning to increase feasibility and reduce project cost.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Building Inspections

The currently adopted ordinance on energy efficiency is the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). We would not be able to enforce additional regulations; this might be best suited for sustainability.

Action 5.9.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Major Disruption** Progress 0%

In the absence of a Green Building Ordinance, encourage certification by Green Built™ Texas for construction of residential projects.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Building Inspections

Building Safety does not have the ability to incentivize specific building methods, we must accept any method that is compliant with the adopted codes. Previously suggested that Planning consider adding incentives/trade-offs in the DDC for green roofs.

Action 5.9.4  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Major Disruption** Progress 0%

Create guidelines and incentives for the construction of green roofs in Denton.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Building Inspections, Environmental Services

Building Safety does not have the ability to incentivize specific building methods, we must accept any method that is compliant with the adopted codes. Previously suggested that Planning consider adding incentives/trade-offs in the DDC for green roofs.

Action 5.9.5  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Major Disruption** Progress 0%

Create guidelines and incentives for the use of Energy Star certified products in new construction and commercial and residential remodels.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Building Inspections, Environmental Services

The currently adopted 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) supports Energy Star performance/certified appliances. Building Safety does not have the ability to incentivize the use of these products.

Action 5.9.6  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Some Disruption** Progress 0%

As part of Green Building ordinance, encourage the use of sustainable and locally-sourced materials in new construction and rehabilitation.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Building Inspections, Environmental Services

Building Safety is always a proponent of sustainable and local resources, however as adopted under the 2021 International Building Code and International Residential Codes we must accept any materials that are compliant with the adopted codes.

Action 5.9.8  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 **Status Pending** Progress 0%

Require that all commercial buildings, including City buildings comply with standards for reduced energy consumption.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Environmental Services

Action 5.9.9

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 98%

Implement clearing and grading requirements to minimize erosion, eliminate clear-cutting, reduce sedimentation, and reduce fugitive dust (airborne particles) in new construction. Utilize guidance of LEED for new construction.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development

The Denton Development Code provides a regulatory framework for erosion and sediment control requirements during clearing and grading activities in Subchapter 7.4. Requirements apply to both new development and redevelopment and extend beyond the TCEQ requirements by including projects less than one acre disturbance.

Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreements began to be required for private stormwater facilities in adoption of July 2024 updates to the Design Criteria Manual. Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreements are developed by project the engineer prescribing maintenance and operations needs of each structure and recorded with the plat to provide knowledge transfer to future owners, homeowner associations, and property managers. Long term maintenance will ensure stormwater facilities continue to function to improve water quality through reducing downstream erosion and sedimentation in conjunction with treating designed volume to reduce flooding.

Design Criteria Manual is under public review with anticipated effective date of March 1, 2026. Updates include clarification on requirement of interim grading plans for projects 10 acres or larger which reduce sedimentation. Two phased erosion control plans will be required for disturbed areas large than five acres.

The City of Denton designates Environmentally Sensitive Areas and provides protections prescribed in the Denton Development Code. Environmentally Sensitive Areas include riparian buffers along streams, water related habitats (wetlands), undeveloped floodplains, and eastern cross timber upland forests. The protected areas align with LEED green stormwater infrastructure intent to reduce runoff, prevent erosion and flooding, and recharge groundwater by meeting the criteria of designating areas which provide bioretention and infiltration services which are interconnected.

Policy 5.10

Further the incorporation of low-impact development for the site design.

Policy 5.11

Ensure that renewable energy actions are an element of the sustainability framework for the City and a basis for an updated Sustainability Plan.

Policy 5.12

Ensure that solid waste and recycling goals are an element of the sustainability framework for the City.

Policy 5.13

Progress 0%

Ensure that local food production continues to be at the forefront of the sustainability framework for the City.

Action: 1



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

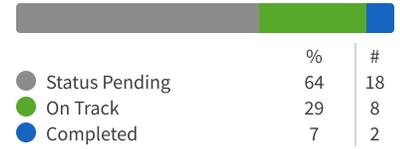
Action 5.13.2 🗨️ Ongoing - Ongoing Status Pending

Actively seek out and implement methods to make local food production easier.

Not in Implementation Plan

Element 6 Progress 12%

Mobility includes goals and policies for vehicular circulation and for the pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation network. This element will serve as a policy framework for coordinating a comprehensive mobility network aligned with future land use and community character.



Policy: 22 Action: 28

Action 6.1.7 🗨️ Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish a procedure for all roads in Denton to comply with consistent standards that contribute to mobility goals, regardless of whether roads are under control of and/or funded by the City, Denton County, TxDOT, or federal.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Action 6.1.9 🗨️ Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Coordinate regulations regarding gas wells and pipelines with TxDOT plans for the extension of Loop 288 and other major roadways.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Planning & Development, Legal

Policy 6.3 Progress 100%

Promote street networks and connectivity for the efficient distribution and movement of motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.



Action: 1

Action 6.3.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Update the Denton Development Code and Transportation Criteria Manual to include connectivity standards for new development that are consistent with the Mobility Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

In December 2022, the Denton Development Code was amended to strengthen connectivity standards for new residential and nonresidential developments, aligning with the Mobility Plan. The update requires at least two points of access for each development to enhance circulation and emergency response. These access points must comply with the Fire Code and support full ingress and egress, ensuring safe and efficient movement throughout developing areas.

Policy 6.4

Progress 84%

Pursue a coordinated land use and mobility strategy to reduce motor vehicle trip lengths and reduce the need for motor vehicle trips.



● On Track 100% 1

Action: 1

Action 6.4.3



Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 84%

Coordinate mobility standards to be consistent with public realm right-of-way recommendations within the proposed Urban Design Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

1. Transportation Services continues to take the lead in the Transportation Design and Development Review process. The staff members act as consultants to facilitate interdepartmental teams, ensuring that all mobility standards are met, especially in regard to safety, ADA compliance, DDC standards, and the Transportation Criteria Manual.
2. As part of this process, the Transportation Services staff has been updating the Transportation Criteria Manual to include critical updates in the short term. Additionally, they are also examining long-term strategic and holistic improvements to the Transportation Criteria Manual and the Denton Development Code.

Policy 6.5

Progress 15%

Maintain adequate levels-of-service for travel on Denton's streets.



● Status Pending 33% 1
● On Track 67% 2

Action: 3

Action 6.5.1  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Develop and adopt LOS standards for all roads and intersections in the city that are appropriate for the surrounding environment.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

This is being considered for the next round of Transportation Criteria Manual Update (2 years' time frame) in coordination with Denton ITS Master Plan.

Action 6.5.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 45%

Develop a 3- to 5-year review program to track and monitor LOS and system performance at intersections as well as the roadway network along Collectors and Arterials.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Transportation Services is planning to Develop Denton's first ITS Master Plan. The ITS Master Plan is crucial to strategize LOS and System performance plan, as it will include intensive continuous data collection program.

Action 6.5.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Pursue the multi-modal LOS concept with future Mobility Plan updates.

Mid-Term

Policy 6.6 Progress 50%

Use access management as a strategy for maintaining road safety and capacity.

Action: 2



	%	#
● Status Pending	50	1
● Completed	50	1

Action 6.6.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Develop access management plans for all types of facilities included in the City’s Mobility Plan that are consistent with Area Plans, overlay districts, and other land use plans. The access management plan should identify opportunities for median separation, driveway consolidation, cross access and rear access and corresponding signage.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Planning & Development

Action 6.6.3 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Evaluate creating criteria for variances to access requirements to ensure deviations from access standards minimally impact LOS goals.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Development Review Staff has established a formal process and evaluation standards for granting variances to access requirements. This ensures that any deviations from established connectivity standards are carefully reviewed and do not significantly impact Level of Service (LOS) goals. The criteria provide a consistent framework for assessing alternative access configurations while maintaining alignment with the Mobility Plan’s objectives.

Policy 6.7 Progress 0%

Develop a street network that is compatible with and enhances Denton’s community character when implementing the Mobility Plan.

Action: 2



Action 6.7.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Develop street design requirements that are consistent with and enhance Community Character and Urban Design goals, policies, and actions through coordination with the proposed Urban Design Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Planning staff will coordinate with Transportation staff to ensure street design standards are included as part of the upcoming Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Action 6.7.2



Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Ensure that street design requirements include provisions for context-sensitive solutions that are responsive to the surrounding land use and activities.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering

Policy 6.8

Progress 0%

Ensure adequate revenue to build and maintain roads.

Action: 1



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action 6.8.3



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Complete a road financing study that considers capital, maintenance, and operating costs of projects in the Mobility Plan and anticipated revenue streams from city, county, state, federal, and private sources for appropriate plan phases (e.g. ten-year increments). Develop strategies for new revenue sources and/or revise the Mobility Plan accordingly. Coordinate recommendations with the CIP

Mid-Term

Policy 6.9

Progress 0%

Engage in ITS strategies as a way of making Denton's transportation systems more efficient and safer.

Action: 3



	%	#
Status Pending	100	3

Action 6.9.1



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Update the Denton ITS Plan to reflect new technologies and to conform to the Regional ITS Architecture. Use the ITS Plan as a guiding document for the planning, programming, and deployment of ITS strategies in the city.

Mid-Term

Action 6.9.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Implement ITS strategies and current trends to improve the efficiency of transportation systems prior to making costly capacity improvements.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Action 6.9.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Pursue local, regional, and state funding for implementing ITS improvements.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Policy 6.10 Progress 0%

Use TDM strategies to make efficient use of motor vehicle travel, reduce congestion and impacts on road infrastructure, parking, and the environment and to make transportation more affordable.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 6.10.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Create a TMA, separately or in partnership with NCTCOG, to coordinate all TDM efforts in the city and work with major employers and city staff to enforce.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 6.11 Progress 0%

Pursue a balanced parking strategy that provides reasonable accommodations and minimizes environmental and land use impacts.



	%	#
On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 6.11.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Update the Denton Development Code and Site Design Criteria Manual accordingly to ensure parking areas in private development are consistent with the proposed Urban Design Plan and overall urban design policies in the Community Character and Urban Design Element.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Transportation, Economic Development

This action item has been added to the Planning Department's 2026 Initiatives as part of an overall Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Policy 6.12

Progress 0%

Implement a comprehensive transportation and mobility approach that minimizes air quality impacts.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 6.12.3



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Adopt the TCEQ idling limitations rule and sign a North Texas Memorandum of Agreement with TCEQ as part of a city-wide anti-idling enforcement policy.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Policy 6.13

Ensure that Mobility continues to be at the forefront of the sustainability framework for the City.

Policy 6.14

Progress 0%

Provide for the safe and efficient movement of freight to preserve and enhance its contribution to Denton's economy.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	2

Action: 2

Action 6.14.3



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Remove truck routes from the core of the city, away from more dense areas identified in the FLUM.

Mid-Term

Action 6.14.4  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Coordinate freight operations with planning for the Denton Enterprise Airport as part of the Airport Master Plan update.

Mid-Term

Policy 6.15 Progress 0%

Use the Mobility Plan, Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan and other regional plans to guide the placement of facilities and educate residents on walking and cycling in Denton.

Action: 2

	%	#
Status Pending	100	2

Action 6.15.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Designate and maintain the City of Denton as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Mid-Term

Action 6.15.7  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Designate and maintain the City of Denton as a Walk Friendly Community.

Mid-Term

Policy 6.16 Progress 0%

Ensure that future road designs incorporate bicycle and pedestrian design features as desired and appropriate.

Action: 2

	%	#
Status Pending	50	1
On Track	50	1

Action 6.16.1  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Update the Transportation Criteria Manual to incorporate complete streets elements consistent with the updated Mobility Plan.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

The Transportation Criteria Manual has been recently updated with critical updates. The Complete Streets elements will be updated after the Vision Zero Phase II and 2024 SS4A-based comprehensive Safety Action plan will be developed. The SS4A 2024 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Study is expected to commence in January 2026, following the execution of the 2024 SS4A award agreement between the City of Denton and the US Department of Transportation.

Action 6.16.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Update the Transportation Criteria Manual to incorporate low-impact design elements.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Policy 6.17 Progress 0%

Encourage new development to create pedestrian-and bicycle- friendly places.

Action: 2

	%	#
● Status Pending	100	2

Action 6.17.1  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with public and private entities to include multi-modal features, such as bus shelters and reduced transit rate agreements, by providing incentives for best practices. Such incentives may include:

- Reduced parking requirements.
- Fee credits.
- Official recognitions

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 6.17.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Develop access management standards that require adjacent developments to connect directly and facilitate easy bicycle and pedestrian travel.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 6.18

Ensure adequate revenue to build and maintain pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Policy 6.19

Promote a land use pattern that makes transit convenient and feasible.

Policy 6.20

Progress 0%

Encourage new development to create transit-friendly places.



	%	#
● On Track	100	1

Action: 1

Action 6.20.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Provide incentives for new development to include transit-friendly features around existing and proposed transit bus stops or pick-up zones. This could include:

- Transit amenities.
- Relaxed parking requirements.
- Density bonuses.
- Impact fee offsets.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 6.21

Coordinate with DCTA.

Policy 6.22

Coordinate with placemaking and cultural promotion strategies.

Policy 6.23

Progress 0%

Explore the potential for initiating trolley service in Denton.



	%	#
● Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 6.23.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Perform a study of the feasibility of implementing trolley service in Denton. The study should address potential routes, modes (rubber tire, streetcar), operation (city, DCTA, private operators) and funding.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Policy 6.24

Continue to be an advocate for regional transit service.

Element 7 Progress 22%

Housing and Neighborhoods provides the basis for ensuring housing options for all of Denton’s population in safe and livable neighborhoods, complete adequate community facilities to serve them. This element will ensure the conservation of Denton present neighborhoods, as well as the development of well-designed neighborhoods in the future.

Policy: 15 Action: 27



Policy 7.1 Progress 55%

Promote development of higher density housing as part of mixed-use development in Denton’s urban core, including Downtown, the Neighborhood/University Compatibility Areas, and in designated centers and corridors outside the urban core.

Action: 5



Action 7.1.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Update the Downtown Master Plan and Downtown Implementation Plan (DTIP) to specifically discuss residential development.

Short-Term

Action Type
Planning

Responsible Department or Agency
Planning & Development, Economic Development

The [Design Downtown Denton \(DDD\) Plan](#) was approved by City Council at their September 17, 2025 meeting. Through extensive public engagement and analysis, the project team developed a vision, community priorities, recommendations, and proposed actions, one of which included the need to increase the housing supply in Downtown. The DDD Plan sets a goal of encouraging an additional 1,500 units constructed Downtown within the next ten years. It also sets a further goal of 500 of those units being affordable to assist the City in achieving its housing goals.

Action 7.1.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Create a Area Plan adjacent to the Downtown and at key centers and corridors.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

The [Southeast Denton Area Plan](#) was approved by City Council on July 23, 2024. Shaped through extensive community engagement and collaboration, the plan outlines a vision for equitable development, neighborhood preservation, and improved infrastructure in Southeast Denton.

Action 7.1.4

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 75%

Partner and collaborate with the universities to create Neighborhood/ University Compatibility Area Plans around UNT and TWU, integrated with the updated Downtown Master Plan and updated Downtown Implementation Plan.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Economic Development

A Resolution (19-013) accepting the vision, goals, recommendations, and implementation strategies proposed with the Oak Gateway Area Plan was approved by City Council on January 15, 2019. The plan envisioned the following for the three subareas:

- A stable, walkable neighborhood that preserved the historic character while providing opportunities for revitalization.
- Housing that is affordable for low- to moderate-income families and students with livable neighborhoods that include improved community services, multi-modal infrastructure, and quality green spaces.
- An area that preserves and revitalizes the mixed-use neighborhood for families and students that preserves and builds upon the existing housing options, green spaces, tree canopy, and public infrastructure.

The Design Downton Denton Plan was adopted on September 17, 2024. The plan includes strategies to improve connectivity to UNT and TWU with public realm improvements and infill development and through a common Downtown brand.

Action 7.1.5

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with the universities to establish protocols for joint city – university planning within the Neighborhood/University Compatibility Areas, focusing on issues such as:

- Creation of redevelopment target areas surrounding blighted properties
- Regulation of on-street and off street parking
- Pedestrian and bicycle improvement
- Community gathering places and open space

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

As an ongoing action, City staff works collaboratively with UNT and TWU to ensure public infrastructure and area planning efforts address localized needs, identify opportunities for advancement, and further the community’s goals.

Action 7.1.6

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Establish Overlay Districts to apply revised development standards tailored to specific centers and corridors.

Long-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 7.2

Progress 33%

Expand the availability of affordable housing choices for community members most in need of housing, including those with low incomes and special needs.



Status	%	#
Status Pending	67	2
Completed	33	1

Action: 3

Action 7.2.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Assess the future feasibility of continuing efforts of the Community Development Division to utilize grant funding targeted to address the needs of low-moderate incomes and distressed neighborhoods, with future action priorities adjusted based on community input for consistency with neighborhood conservation strategies for mixed income housing and neighborhoods.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

As part of future updates to Community Development plans, including but not limited to the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Affordable Housing Toolkit, staff will review neighborhood goals in the Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency.

Action 7.2.3

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Update the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development every five years to continually gauge the housing needs of Denton's low income and special needs populations.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 7.2.5

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Assess the future feasibility of a rental housing and multi-family inspection and registration program to ensure that rental dwellings are properly maintained for habitability and that existing rental units are not considered an impediment to fair housing in the community.

Mid-Term

Action TypeRegulation
Program**Responsible Department or Agency**

Community Improvement Services, Community Development

Policy 7.3

Expand the availability of affordable housing choices for community members most in need of housing, including the homeless.

Policy 7.4

Expand the availability of housing choices for existing and potential community members most in need of housing, including seniors.

Policy 7.5 Progress 100%

Support expanded opportunities for home ownership to encourage neighborhood stability and reduce blight.



	%	#
Completed	100	1

Action: 1

Action 7.5.2 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Completed Progress 100%

Encourage UNT, TWU, and other major employers to provide financial incentives for home ownership, particularly in adjacent neighborhoods.

Short-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future department initiative.

Policy 7.6

Encourage innovative housing development in mixed-use centers and corridors, Master Planned Communities (MPCs), and through residential development in rural areas that protects rural character.

Policy 7.7 Progress 7%

Establish tools and strategies to enhance the quality and character of housing and neighborhoods.



	%	#
On Track	100	3

Action: 3

Action 7.7.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 20%

Create residential design standards to improve aesthetic quality and variety, including architectural features, such as porches and other design elements.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Citywide, this action item has been added to the Planning Department's 2026 Initiatives as part of an overall Urban Design Plan. It is anticipated to begin in the 3rd Quarter of the year.

Additionally, the proposed Southeast Denton Residential Overlay includes requirements for new residential development which are consistent with the existing historic character of the area, including front porches, stoops, and oversized window/doors.

Action 7.7.2

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Create subdivision and neighborhood design standards incorporating best practices, such as clustering homes around shared open space (Pocket Neighborhoods) and other components of traditional neighborhood design (TND) including use of rear alleys and orientation to streets with sidewalks and street trees.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.7.3

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Conduct participatory neighborhood planning efforts in neighborhoods to address opportunities to enhance character and livability.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 7.8

Progress 20%

Promote the stability and livability of established neighborhoods through a comprehensive neighborhood conservation program.

Action: 5



	%	#
● Status Pending	20	1
● On Track	60	3
● Completed	20	1

Action 7.8.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Partner with neighborhood associations to create a Housing and Neighborhood Condition Inventory and monitoring strategy.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.8.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

On Track

Progress 0%

Update transportation, infrastructure, and subsidized housing plans and policies that are inconsistent with neighborhood conservation policies.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Services, Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.8.5

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Couple neighborhood conservation strategies with local Historic Districts, Historic Conservation Districts, and Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay policies.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 7.8.6

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Review the policies and priorities contained in the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and the policies of the Community Development Division, the Denton Housing Authority, and the Denton Affordable Housing Corporation for consistency with neighborhood conservation strategies.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

As part of future updates to Community Development plans, including but not limited to the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and the Affordable Housing Toolkit, staff will review neighborhood goals in the Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency.

Action 7.8.7 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with Denton County and DISD regarding the development of infill lots that have been abandoned and are tax-delinquent as housing, community gathering places, or community gardens.

Mid-Term

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 7.9 Progress 0%

Improve the livability of Denton’s existing neighborhoods with investments in improved infrastructure, schools, community facilities, and public amenities.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 7.9.1 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Link programming of plans for public investments in parks, schools, and community facilities consistent with neighborhood conservation strategies, and Area Plans.

Mid-Term

Action Type

- Planning
- Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Recreation

Policy 7.10 Progress 0%

Ensure that schools, libraries, community centers, and senior centers are sited equitably to service all of Denton’s neighborhoods.



	%	#
On Track	100	2

Action: 2

Action 7.10.2 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 0%

Collaborate with the Denton school districts to create siting guidelines for the location of new schools and community facilities consistent with best practice urban design policies.

Mid-Term

Action Type

- Regulation
- Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Recreation

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.10.3

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Work with DISD in creating school district guidelines for building schools and community facilities in locations most conducive to overarching land use goals, including infill areas.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation
Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation, Engineering, Parks & Recreation

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 7.11

Concentrate community facilities in transit-accessible areas and walkable communities to increase greatest potential for access and contribution to community health.

Policy 7.12

Progress 0%

Use community centers, senior centers, schools, and libraries as a means of enhancing and highlighting neighborhood distinction and sense of community.



	%	#
● Status Pending	50	1
● On Track	50	1

Action: 2

Action 7.12.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with neighborhood residents in the design of new community facilities.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.12.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Engage neighborhood residents to determine the programming within community facilities and match programming with the needs of distinctive communities and demographic groups.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Policy 7.13 Progress 0%

Provide joint-use of facilities in order to encourage community unity and ensure cost-efficient maintenance.

Action: 3

● Status Pending	67	2	%
● On Track	33	1	#

Action 7.13.1 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 0%

Conduct a study of all community facilities as part of the updated Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to analyze the capacity for shared services among existing facilities.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 7.13.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Include shared use spaces in plans for future community facilities.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development

Action 7.13.3  Ongoing - Ongoing Status Pending

Include vocational and job training programs in both DISD and City of Denton facilities to serve Denton residents.

Not in Implementation Plan

Policy 7.14 Progress 0%

Combine community facilities for the most efficient use of resources.



Action: 1

Action 7.14.4 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Establish policies to encourage religious buildings, service clubs, and other quasi-public uses to co-locate within appropriate activity centers to create community focal points and enable sharing of parking and other facilities.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Policy 7.15 Progress 0%

Enhance community character through well-designed community facilities.



Action: 1

Action 7.15.6 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Ensure that municipal facilities are designed consistently with municipal lighting standards and include as much natural light as possible to reduce energy costs.

Mid-Term

Action Type

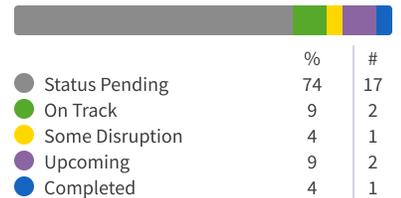
Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Engineering

Element 8 Progress 9%

Community Health, Safety, and Services includes goals and policies for maintaining a safe and secure environment for Denton residents as well as an overall healthy population. Goals and policies focus on environmental justice, social services programming, community health, resiliency, and hazard mitigation, as well as emergency services.



Policy: 8

Action: 23

Policy 8.1 Progress 0%

Establish a comprehensive framework to promote healthy communities.

Action: 5

	%	#
Status Pending	40	2
On Track	20	1
Upcoming	40	2

Action 8.1.1 Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035 Upcoming

Produce an health impact assessment (HIA) for Denton following CDC and APA guidelines, and publish it online.

Long-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Action 8.1.2 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Partner and collaborate with Denton County to create a health policy framework to be applied among departments within the city and county including streets, utilities, planning, parks and recreation, and environmental services.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

All Departments

Action 8.1.3 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Dedicate staff within the City of Denton to coordinate with the Denton County Health Department and align strategies and guidelines on community health.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development, Planning & Development

Action 8.1.4

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

On Track

Progress 0%

Apply the reference resources on community health including ULI and APA guidebooks, as well as the health-related recommendations of Vision North Texas.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development, Planning & Development

This action item will be addressed as part of a future Department Initiative.

Action 8.1.5

Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035

Upcoming

Create an annual Community Health Report Card featuring the progress of programs focused on community health and the findings of the initial HIA and publish it online.

Long-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

Policy 8.2

Progress 0%

Enhance public awareness for community health goals.

Action: 3



Status	%	#
Status Pending	100	3

Action 8.2.1

Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Create a robust public relations campaign centered on community health advocacy and promoting physical activity.

Long-Term

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.2.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with DISD to promote awareness of healthy lifestyle choices within Denton schools.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.2.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with major employers and healthcare providers to promote healthy lifestyle choices within Denton employment centers.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Policy 8.3 Progress 50%

Link healthy community goals and polices throughout the Comprehensive Plan and to Denton’s sustainability plan.

Action: 4



Action 8.3.3  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Incorporate complete streets guidelines into the mobility plan and periodically review and update following the guidance of NCTCOG and coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Transportation

Action 8.3.5  Ongoing - Ongoing Status Pending

Skipped in numbered order.

Not in Implementation Plan

Action 8.3.6

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 98%

Implement green infrastructure standards for private development and public rights-of-way as part of stormwater management polices to improve water quality and supply.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Drainage, and Planning & Development

Draft revisions to the Design Criteria Manual are currently under public outreach and review with planned effective date March 1, 2026. Proposed revision will require 80% total suspended solids removal for all development one acre or more and allow use of decentralized controls and treatment trains which can incorporate various green stormwater infrastructure such as rain gardens, swales, filter strips, permeable pavement, green roofs, and other nature-based designs which can be multi-use, create habitat, and community beautification. Prior design criteria required total suspended solid removal for drainage areas greater than 10 acres by designing extended detention.

Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreements are required with development review for post-construction stormwater structures to provide transparent record of maintenance needs for green and gray stormwater infrastructure which facilitates future management of privately owned stormwater structures. Proper maintenance aligns with the Denton strategic plan by enhancing infrastructure functionality, promotes water sustainability, and well-maintained infrastructure adds to quality of life for the community.

Action 8.3.8

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Completed

Progress 100%

Promote the Air North Texas Pollution Alert program to alert Denton residents when ozone levels are at potentially unhealthy levels, based on the Air Quality Index (AQI) monitored by NCTCOG.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Transportation

Promoting the Air North Texas Pollution Alert program has been strengthened through the launch of the City's Air Quality Dashboard in July 2025. The dashboard currently reports weekly average data for each sensor and pollutant, while also connecting residents to additional resources from TCEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. By providing educational tools on air pollution, tracked pollutants, and how to interpret the Air Quality Index, the City is equipping the community with the knowledge to respond to ozone alerts and protect public health. Plans are underway to enhance this tool with near real-time data through an API, further improving transparency and accessibility.

Policy 8.4

Ensure effective disaster preparedness for natural and manmade disasters.

Policy 8.5 Progress 0%

Ensure adequate police services to protect the health and safety of the Denton Community and business population.



	%	#
Status Pending	50	1
On Track	50	1

Action: 2

Action 8.5.2 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Co-locate police facilities close by to other community facilities when possible for land use and operational efficiency.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Police

Action 8.5.4 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 0%

Encourage use of the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) design standards to reduce instances of crime.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development

As an ongoing action, Planning staff encourages development that increases visibility and opportunities for “eyes on the street.” This includes enforcing the Denton Development Code’s requirements for windows and doors facing the street and the minimum lighting requirements in addition to collaborative efforts to ensure open spaces are well-designed and placed within the community.

Policy 8.6 Progress 0%

Ensure adequate fire and emergency prevention and response to protect the health and safety of the Denton Community and business population.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 8.6.2 Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Co-locate fire and emergency services facilities close by to other community facilities when possible for land use and operational efficiency.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, Fire

Policy 8.7 Progress 0%

Establish a framework for the formation of programs to serve Denton’s communities of need.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 8.7.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish a consortium among city and county departments, DISD, and local youth-focused non-profits to prioritize and create an action plan for identifying and updating the needs of Denton youth and identify key partners to aid in implementation of programs.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Outreach

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Policy 8.8 Progress 0%

Proactively identify and organize volunteer opportunities within the city that will link Denton residents with opportunities to serve their fellow citizens.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	7

Action: 7

Action 8.8.1  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish a City of Denton staff position to oversee volunteer organization and mobilization.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with non-profit groups to identify existing volunteer programs and create a framework for identifying additional program needs.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Regularly update and enliven the page on the Denton website advertising volunteer opportunities.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.4  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish partnerships with UNT, TWU, and NCTC to volunteer within the community.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish partnerships with major employers to volunteer within the community.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with the Denton County Health Department to continue and expand volunteer opportunities related to the provisioning of health care and health education.

Mid-Term

Responsible Department or Agency

Community Development

Action 8.8.7  Ongoing - Ongoing Status Pending

Include volunteer opportunities in the programming of community facilities and link them with school programs.

Not in Implementation Plan

Element 9 Progress 11%

Infrastructure and Utilities ensures the provision of adequate infrastructure and facilities that will complement the future growth of Denton. This includes water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, and electric. In addition to baseline service, strategies for sustainable practices such as sustainable energy and green infrastructure are included in this Element.



	%	#
Status Pending	70	16
On Track	22	5
Some Disruption	4	1
Upcoming	4	1

Policy: 13 Action: 23

Policy 9.1 Progress 0%

Seek economically favorable sources of power and continue to develop programs to increase operational efficiency to offer stable and competitively-priced electric rates and exceptional customer service compared to the deregulated market.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action: 1

Action 9.1.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Identify, evaluate, incentivize, and invest in new technologies that support the city's sustainability goals when economically feasible.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

DME

Policy 9.2

Seek cost-effective opportunities for expanding DME's renewable portfolio.

Policy 9.3 Progress 30%

Continue to advance the use of municipal lighting fixtures that direct illumination efficiently, reduce nuisance lighting problems, and enhance views of the nighttime sky.



	%	#
● Status Pending	67	2
● On Track	33	1

Action: 3

Action 9.3.1 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 90%

Establish a purchase policy for municipal lighting fixtures that are energy efficient and where feasible prioritize non-toxic, non-hazardous lighting equipment materials, avoid glare, spill light and energy waste.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Facilities, Environmental Services, DME

DME has instituted a change to the City of Denton's Design Criteria manual which requires all new street lights to be dark sky compliant. City of Denton Engineering coordinating the adoption of the new rules through City Council.

Action 9.3.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Support the development of an ordinance that applies the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES) recommendations for residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

Long-Term **Mid-Term**

Action Type

Regulation

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, DME

Action 9.3.3  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Include guidelines for lighting standards as part of the Urban Design Plan and Area Plans to encourage sustainable lighting strategies in private development.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Planning & Development, DME

Policy 9.4 Progress 0%

Coordinate with service providers to ensure availability of communications infrastructure throughout the city.

Action: 1



	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action 9.4.4  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Work with local businesses via the Chambers of Commerce and telecommunication companies to sponsor free public wireless internet (Wi-Fi) and increase availability throughout the city.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Tech Services

Policy 9.5 Progress 20%

Install underground electric distribution facilities wherever practical.

Action: 1



	%	#
Some Disruption	100	1

Action 9.5.4

Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025

Some Disruption

Progress 20%

Develop ordinance criteria that encourage service providers (i.e., cable, telephone, electricity, data communications, etc.) in the city to convert existing overhead facilities to underground by adopting and promoting the same service criteria utilized by DME.

Short-Term

Action Type

Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

DME, Planning & Development

DME is working with the City's two largest telecom companies on new joint use agreements. The negotiated agreement with Verizon has been completed and is approved by the City Council. There are current, ongoing negotiations with Charter. DME will develop a strategy for communication with the other electric providers (CoServ and Oncor) in the area to bring forward the City's desire for underground conversions where appropriate and consistent with the City's and DME's practices and service policies.

Policy 9.6

Progress 60%

Develop long-term water supply contracts and reduce per capita water use to ensure adequate water supply.



● On Track 100% 1

Action: 1

Action 9.6.1

Mar 01, 2022 - Apr 30, 2026

On Track

Progress 60%

Review, renew, and maintain the city's untreated water supply contract with the City of Dallas.

Short-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Water

Drat Contract with Denton's comments sent to Dallas, meeting set with Dallas on January 15, 2026. Draft AIS and presentation complete.

Policy 9.7

Progress 0%

Develop and operate water infrastructure in cooperation with other entities so that it is safe, reliable, cost effective, limits negative environmental impacts, and sufficient to meet future demands.



● Status Pending 100% 3

Action: 3

Action 9.7.6  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Balance new elevated storage tanks to the existing elevated storage tanks and allow for adequate refill rates.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Water

Action 9.7.7  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2035 Status Pending Progress 0%

Build additional elevated storage over the next twenty years to accommodate future water needs.

Long-Term Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Water

Action 9.7.8  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish maintenance regulations that ensure long-term viability of water infrastructure.

Mid-Term

Action Type

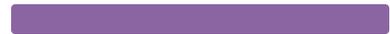
Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering

Policy 9.8 Progress 0%

Develop and operate wastewater infrastructure in cooperation with other entities so that it is safe, reliable, cost effective, limits negative environmental impacts, and is sufficient to meet future demands.



	%	#
● Upcoming	100	1

Action: 1

Action 9.8.3 Jan 01, 2028 - Dec 31, 2035 Upcoming

Locate wastewater facilities in areas that meet engineering criteria and are compatible with adjacent properties to the greatest extent possible.

Long-Term

Action Type

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Wastewater

Policy 9.9

Progress 1%



Expand resource recovery options within the wastewater system.

Action: 4

Status	%	#
Status Pending	75	3
On Track	25	1

Action 9.9.1



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Implement a targeted educational program on the benefits of wastewater effluent reuse to high-volume users for non-potable uses.

Mid-Term

Action Type

- Outreach
- Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Wastewater, Marketing and Communications

Action 9.9.2



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Engage in long-term partnerships that implement wastewater effluent reuse for non-potable uses.

Mid-Term

Action Type

- Outreach
- Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Wastewater, Marketing and Communications

Action 9.9.3



Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027

Status Pending

Progress 0%

Expand the capabilities of providing effluent to the industrial and commercial sectors as well as parks and golf courses for irrigation purposes.

Mid-Term

Action Type

- Outreach
- Partnership

Responsible Department or Agency

Wastewater, Marketing and Communications

Action 9.9.4  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2027 On Track Progress 5%

Evaluate additional biosolid recovery options and expand DynoDirt product production, as practical.

Mid-Term **Short-Term**

Action Type

Planning

Responsible Department or Agency

Wastewater, Solid Waste & Recycling

Biosolid recovery options are being examined with the Pecan Creek Expansion project. These efforts are being coordinated with the Master Planning for wastewater.

Policy 9.10

Protect the quality of surface water from the negative impacts of erosion, flooding, and pollution.

Policy 9.11 Progress 0%

Upgrade substandard drainage systems in a way that incorporates green infrastructure BMPs and watershed system-level site design.



	%	#
Status Pending	100	3

Action: 3

Action 9.11.1  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Provide low impact drainage facilities by reserving a sufficient amount of land for landscaping, green space, or other permeable areas based on fully developed watershed conditions in developments.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services

Action 9.11.2  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Continue to implement the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG's) iSWM Criteria Manual for Site Development and Construction and continue to participate with regional groups to identify and implement best practices.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Planning

Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services

Action 9.11.5  Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Establish maintenance regulations that ensures long-term viability of green infrastructure systems.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering

Policy 9.12 Progress 18%

Apply low impact development criteria, including green infrastructure practices approved as part of the city’s Watershed Protection Program, to new development and redevelopment projects.



	%	#
Status Pending	50	2
On Track	50	2

Action: 4

Action 9.12.2  Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Update the Drainage Design Criteria Manual and Denton Development Code Subchapters 18 and 19 to address low impact development, including green infrastructure BMPs.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Drainage, Planning & Development

Action 9.12.3 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 35%

Update the landscaping standards of the Denton Development Code to promote use of drought-tolerant plant materials and water-efficient irrigation practices in all new development.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Drainage, Planning & Development

The Development Code Review Committee is currently reviewing regulations and proposed amendments to the Tree and Landscape sections of the Denton Development Code. Amendments are intended to promote industry best practices, clarify existing requirements, and encourage the use of water efficient practices and low-impact design. The Development Code Review Committee is expected to complete their review of the Tree and Landscape Code Amendments in early 2026 and it is anticipated these amendments will be brought forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for consideration in Spring of 2026.

Action 9.12.4 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 On Track Progress 35%

Promote low-impact development implementation to improve stormwater quantity and quality system-wide.

Short-Term

Action Type

Planning
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services

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Action 9.12.5 Mar 01, 2022 - Dec 31, 2025 Status Pending Progress 0%

Revise policies that allow use of man-made water features for decorative purposes only. Require polices that expand basin functionality such as for stormwater detention, irrigation water storage, wildlife habitat or other related purposes.

Short-Term

Action Type

Regulation

Responsible Department or Agency

Environmental Services, Drainage, Planning & Development

Policy 9.13 Progress 0%

Protect the 100-year floodplain to reduce flooding and improve water quality.

Action: 1

	%	#
Status Pending	100	1

Action 9.13.5 Jan 01, 2026 - May 31, 2027 Status Pending Progress 0%

Upgrade the flood monitoring system to include predictive flooding condition capabilities.

Mid-Term

Action Type

Regulation
Program

Responsible Department or Agency

Engineering, Environmental Services