

## 12.1/OVERVIEW

The goals, objectives, strategies, and actions identified in the Comprehensive Plan will only be turned into reality by highly focused attention to implementation. Effective implementation will require that the City Council and Planning Commission, City Administration, Police and Fire Districts, Biloxi Housing Authority, School Districts, and others continuously use this document as a key reference in all future planning and decision-making.

In the years since Hurricane Katrina, Biloxi has been actively engaged in recovery, rebuilding, and planning for the City's future at many levels. The primary purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to weave together Biloxi's post-Katrina plans, projects, and initiatives into a "roadmap" or common direction for the future. **Upon adoption, the Biloxi Comprehensive Plan will become the City's key policy document.**

This implementation element is included in the Comprehensive Plan as required by the State of Mississippi's Code (§ 17-1). Implementation is addressed throughout the plan, and in this chapter, as follows:

- Chapters 3-8 describe specific citywide actions
- Chapter 9 (Neighborhood Planning Strategies) details priority actions for each of Biloxi's neighborhoods
- Chapter 10 (Downtown Revitalization Strategy) describes priority actions specific to Downtown
- Chapter 11 (Implementation) includes:
  - Principles for Comprehensive Plan consistency (Section 12.2)
  - An Action Plan summarizing all actions recommended in the Plan (Section 12.3)
  - Capital Improvements Framework (Section 12.4)
  - Plan Monitoring (Section 12.5)

Two key points should be kept in mind when reading the Implementation Chapter of the Plan. First, Section 12.3 provides a summary action plan and it may be helpful to refer back to the actions referenced from the previous chapters for more detail. Second, the Capital Improvement Framework (12.4) is a starting point for revising Biloxi's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and is directly related to the actions recommended in this Plan.

## 12.2 / PRINCIPLES FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

If the Comprehensive Plan is to effectively guide change in Biloxi over the next 10-20 year time period, the City needs to establish and follow an implementation framework. Three basic principles to ensure the usefulness of the Comprehensive Plan are:

**Principle #1: Biloxi's Land Development Ordinance (LDO) and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) should be revised, as necessary, to maintain consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.**

Immediately following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Biloxi has committed to revising the Land Development Ordinance (LDO)—which includes zoning and subdivision regulations—to ensure consistency between these documents. While the City's regulations need to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan (§ 17-1-9), this first principle does not suggest that the zoning map and districts must undergo a complete revision. **The Future Land Use Map is not intended to become or replace the zoning map.** Instead, it conceptually depicts broad categories of land use (e.g., low-density residential) and sets the policy framework for the application of concepts such as regional activity centers (to be implemented through new planned development provisions in the LDO).

**Principle #2: Development applications shall be reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and shall not be approved if found to be contrary to the Comprehensive Plan, unless the Plan is amended.**

While routine applications and some rezoning proposals will likely be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, **in cases where proposed development clearly conflicts with the Plan**, an approval should not be granted unless the Plan is amended. Such amendments shall be made upon findings of fact by the Planning Commission and City Council.

**Principle #3: Consider consistency with the Comprehensive Plan as a factor in making decisions on proposed projects, programs, and CIP initiatives.**

Many boards, departments, and agencies guide or make decisions about projects, programs, and potential capital improvements in Biloxi. The effectiveness of the Comprehensive Plan relies in part upon the extent to which the City considers the Plan's goals, objectives, and actions in making decisions that affect Biloxi's future.

## Next Steps

Several early actions are key to successful implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The first and most important task, revising the zoning, subdivision, and associated development standards, is underway and will be completed following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Other key early actions include:

- Establish protocols for the review of development applications to ensure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Evaluate and modify the City's current CIP as necessary to reflect policies, strategies, and priorities established in the Comprehensive Plan.



## 12.3 / ACTION PLAN

The following table provides a summary of actions described in each of the Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. To help organize and separate out priorities, each item in the Action Plan (12.3) is assigned a timeframe (ongoing, short, mid, or long-term), as follows:

### Ongoing Initiatives

Actions in this category generally require ongoing coordination and planning. An example of an ongoing initiative is the continued interpretation of historic resources through activities, special events, and programs.

### Short-Term Initiatives (one to two years)

Short-term actions are anticipated to begin within one to two years of plan adoption and are generally considered high priorities (e.g., update the LDO). These actions include relatively straightforward changes to development standards. Others initiatives in the short-term category require a planning process (starting in year 1 or 2) with implementation carried out in the mid or long-term timeframe.

### Mid-Term Initiatives (two to four years)

Actions that fall within the mid-range category include high priorities that will require additional study or detailed design work and therefore take a longer period to begin (e.g., implementation of the Biloxi Peninsula Path beyond Sand Beach) and actions that require coordination between other agencies (e.g., partnerships to meet parks and recreation needs).

## Long-Term Initiatives (four to ten years)

Actions designated as long-term are generally those which are likely to require at least three to four years to define needs and opportunities, create programs and build partnerships, and establish funding resources (e.g., implementing the Seafood Village concept on the Back Bay). In addition, some of the actions in the long-range timeframe require changes in population density and demand (e.g., expanding public transit service).



In addition, the following information is provided for each action:

- A **reference** to the relevant objective or objectives in the associated plan element
- **Action type**, organized into four general categories as follows:
  - **Planning:** Establishing policies or undertaking additional, more detailed studies to guide decision-making or specific implementation initiatives.
  - **Regulatory:** Adopting new or modifying existing ordinances (e.g., zoning, development review, site plan and landscape standards) to achieve the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.
  - **Capital Investment:** Investing in specific capital projects (e.g., parks, public buildings, or transportation improvements).
  - **Partnership:** Creating relationships between public, private, institutional, and/or nonprofits to leverage resources and create momentum leading to plan implementation.

Lastly it is important to note that the Action Plan is not intended to be an overly rigid formula. Instead it provides a framework to guide decision-making and allocation of resources. With this intended flexibility built in, the Action Plan should be monitored on a consistent basis by the City Administration and updated not less than every five years as described in Section 12.5.

## Action Plan Summary

The following table present a summary of specific actions described in each of the elements and neighborhood strategies.

ONGOING INITIATIVES	SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES (0–2 YEARS)	MID-TERM INITIATIVES (2–4 YEARS)	LONG-TERM INITIATIVES (4–10 YEARS)
<p><b>Land Use Element</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate land use planning and capital programming (Planning, Capital Investment) (<i>Objectives 3-6, 3-8</i>)</li> <li>• Implement the FEMA Base Flood Elevation maps (Regulatory) (<i>Objective 3-11</i>)</li> <li>• Consider future land and transportation planning in the Greater Biloxi Planning Area (Planning) (<i>Objectives 3-6, 6-8</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the LDO (Regulatory) (<i>Objectives 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9,3-10,3-11, 3-12, 4-4, 5-3, 5-4, 5-6, 5-7, 5-7, 6-4, 8-4</i>)</li> <li>• Revise the Zoning Map and Districts (Regulatory) (<i>Objectives 3-4,3-6, 3-7, 3-8</i>)</li> <li>• Pursue strategies to facilitate productive uses of open land in flood prone areas (Planning) (<i>Objectives 3-11, 6-4</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement strategies for productive open space use (Partnership, Capital Investment) (<i>Objectives 3-11, 6-4</i>)</li> <li>• Develop a public campaign and other incentives to promote sustainable development (Planning) (<i>Objective 3-12</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study the need to revise the Greater Biloxi Planning Area (Planning) (<i>Objectives 3-6, 6-8</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transportation Element</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a multi-modal street network that includes sidewalks, bike lanes, bike facilities, planned CTA improvements, improved roadways (Planning, Capital Investment) (<i>Objectives 3-8, 4-3, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 5-2</i>)</li> <li>• Require all new development provide sidewalks and enact policies to encourage compact, walkable, development (Regulatory, Planning) (<i>Objective 4-7, 7-2</i>)</li> <li>• Continue working with DMR to identify areas that pose threats to marine industries (Partnership) (<i>Objective 4-9</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a phased roadway improvement program (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-1</i>)</li> <li>• Develop and begin to implement a “Complete Streets” policy and design standards (Planning, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 4-3</i>)</li> <li>• Develop a comprehensive parking strategy for the Downtown (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-4</i>)</li> <li>• Complete the upgrade to the Cedar Lake Road drawbridge and Popp’s Ferry Road Bridge plans (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-9</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish traffic impact study requirements, access management controls, and targeted improvements (Regulatory, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 4-2</i>)</li> <li>• Work with CTA to coordinate future transit service with land use (Planning, Partnership) (<i>Objective 4-5, 7-2</i>)</li> <li>• Conduct a citywide sidewalk inventory and develop a plan to increase sidewalk coverage (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-7</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the east-west corridor project (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-1</i>)</li> <li>• Explore feasibility of providing transit service between Biloxi and the Airport (Planning) (<i>Objective 4-8</i>)</li> </ul>

**ONGOING INITIATIVES**

**SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES  
(0-2 YEARS)**

**MID-TERM INITIATIVES  
(2-4 YEARS)**

**LONG-TERM INITIATIVES  
(4-10 YEARS)**

**Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources Element**

- Expand Biloxi’s unique tourism markets in heritage, arts and culture, and eco-tourism (Planning, Partnership) (*Objectives 5-1, 5-2*)
- Continue to interpret historic resources through activities, special events, programs, and partnerships (Capital Investment, Partnership) (*Objective 5-6, 5-7*)
- Place utilities underground in historic neighborhoods (Capital Investment) (*Objective 5-6*)
- Promote community gardens, urban agriculture, and outdoor events (Planning, Partnership) (*Objective 5-7*)

- Partner with organizations for open space planning and preservation (including Peninsula Path) (Planning, Partnership) (*Objectives 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 6-4*)
- Develop Downtown Design Guidelines (Regulatory) (*Objective 5-6, 8-3*)
- Implement a façade improvement grant program (Planning) (*Objective 5-6*)
- Begin planning and design work for the Biloxi Peninsula Path (Planning) (*Objectives 5-8, 4-6, 4-7*)

- Plan and develop waterfront uses on the Peninsula (Planning, Capital Investment) (*Objectives 5-2, 5-7*)
- Preserve environmentally sensitive lands through fee simple or acquisition of development rights (Planning, Capital Investment) (*Objectives 5-3, 5-4, 5-5*)
- Develop the public Biloxi Peninsula Path improving access to key sites (Planning, Capital Investment) (*Objectives 5-8, 4-6, 4-7*)

- Complete development of Point Cadet with pedestrian and bicyclist amenities (Planning, Capital Investment) (*Objective 5-7*)

**Community Facilities and Services Element**

- Implement the City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan (Capital Investment, Partnership) (*Objective 6-1, 6-9*)
- Create multiple-use synergies and cost-sharing by co-locating facilities (Partnerships) (*Objective 6-5*)
- Maintain partnerships between the City and human service organizations, and schools to assist residents (Partnership) (*Objective 6-7*)
- Implement the City’s Phase II Stormwater Program and monitor public water quality (Capital Investment) (*Objective 6-9*)

- Develop a phased CIP to address municipal facility needs (Planning) (*Objective 6-2, 6-8*)
- Develop a Biloxi Greenways and Trails Plan around the City’s waterways (Planning) (*Objective 6-4, 5-8, 7-2*)
- Partner with utility agencies and encourage developers to increase energy conservation, renewable energy, and recycling (Planning, Partnership) (*Objective 6-10*)
- Evaluate the need for a new community center in Woolmarket and expansion of other programs and park facilities in Biloxi (Planning) (*Objectives 6-5, 6-6*)

- Reserve future fire and emergency services sites based on the CIP (Capital Investment) (*Objective 6-2*)
- Begin implementing the Greenways and Trails Plan (Partnership, Capital Investment) (*Objective 6-4, 5-8, 7-2*)
- Meet parks and recreational facility needs through park development and joint agreements with schools and providers (Planning, Partnership) (*Objectives 6-3, 6-6*)

- Reserve future police, fire, and emergency facility sites and support recruitment and training activities (Planning, Capital Investment) (*Objective 6-1*)

**ONGOING INITIATIVES**

**SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES  
(0–2 YEARS)**

**MID-TERM INITIATIVES  
(2–4 YEARS)**

**LONG-TERM INITIATIVES  
(4–10 YEARS)**

**Housing Element**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversify and improve Biloxi’s housing stock through incentives and partnerships (Partnership, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 7-1</i>)</li> <li>• Locate new housing near accessible mixed-use centers, employment, and services and away from special hazard areas (Planning) (<i>Objectives 7-2, 7-4</i>)</li> <li>• Promote housing that respects the character of Biloxi’s history and heritage through incentives and adaptive reuse (Planning) (<i>Objective 7-5</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the updated Consolidated Plan and partner w/organizations to address homeless and special needs populations (Planning, Partnership) (<i>Objective 7-3</i>)</li> <li>• Strengthen public/private partnerships addressing housing need and convene a homeless taskforce (Partnership) (<i>Objective 7-3</i>)</li> <li>• Provide incentives and increase code enforcement to reduce the vulnerability of housing to storm damage (Planning) (<i>Objective 7-4</i>)</li> <li>• Create design guidelines for new mixed-use and residential development (Planning) (<i>Objective 7-5</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand homeless shelter space, increase emergency social services, and provide additional transitional housing units (Partnership, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 7-3</i>)</li> </ul> |  |
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**Economic Development Element**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate and support contributions made by institutions and major employers to Biloxi’s economy (Partnership) (<i>Objective 8-1</i>)</li> <li>• Maintain height restrictions for development around KAFB (Regulatory) (<i>Objective 8-1</i>)</li> <li>• Maintain a balance between regional retail and community-level retail in focused areas (Edgewater Mall, Pass Rd) (Planning) (<i>Objective 8-5</i>)</li> <li>• Develop partnerships between the school districts and major employers to increase vocational and entrepreneurial training (Partnership) (<i>Objective 8-7</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a Biloxi Economic Development Committee (Partnership) (<i>see Chapter 8</i>)</li> <li>• Partner with tourism organizations to enhance marketing (Partnership) (<i>Objective 8-2</i>)</li> <li>• Provide dedicated docking space and support the Back Bay as the center of Biloxi’s commercial shrimp fleet (Planning, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 8-4</i>)</li> <li>• Pursue Downtown retail and restaurant development (Planning) (<i>Objective 8-3</i>)</li> <li>• Pursue opportunities for catalytic mixed use development Downtown (Planning) (<i>Objective 8-3</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand waterfront tourism including the public marinas and piers with Point Cadet planning a priority (Planning, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 8-1, 8-2</i>)</li> <li>• Establish an East Biloxi Innovation Center (Partnership, Capital Investment) (<i>Objective 8-6</i>)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore creation of a “start-up” business center in Woolmarket (Planning, Partnership) (<i>Objective 8-1</i>)</li> <li>• Implement the Seafood Village concept on the Back Bay (Planning) (<i>Objective 8-4</i>)</li> </ul> |
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## 12.4/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FRAMEWORK

Biloxi's 2009 State of the City Report details recent and ongoing public improvements plans, including the massive number of infrastructure related projects currently in planning, design, and construction phases. Before Katrina, the City's capital improvements totaled approximately \$16 million per year. In 2009, \$355 million in capital improvements and infrastructure projects were either underway or planned in Biloxi – including repair and improvements to streets, drainage, utilities, landscaping, lighting, sidewalks, and curbing throughout Biloxi. This massive increase highlights the importance of coordinating the City's capital investments with the Comprehensive Plan recommendations through a phased capital improvements program.

A city's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is the "blueprint" for allocating community expenditures and is one of the most important responsibilities of municipal government it typically includes two parts—a capital budget and a capital program. A successful capital improvements program provides a number of benefits including:

- Facilitating coordination between community-wide needs and the City's operating budgets
- Increasing opportunities for obtaining federal and state aid for capital projects
- Linking public facilities to other planning efforts and private development
- Encouraging careful project planning that meets the vision and goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan actions can be directly translated to the CIP. This section includes the planning initiatives and capital improvement projects necessary to carry out Biloxi's Comprehensive Plan recommendations. Together they create the framework to revise the City's CIP. Using this framework to develop the CIP requires the City set priorities and carefully consider funding and project phasing. The Capital Improvement Plan should be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis by City staff and the City Council as part of Biloxi's annual budgeting process.

Based on recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, three planning priorities from the following table can begin immediately:

- **Develop a "Complete Streets" Policy**
- **Coordinate and prioritize water and sewer extensions to Woolmarket with the Land Use Plan**
- **Develop a Park and Recreational Facilities Capital Improvement Plan**

CITYWIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

Capital Improvement Planning *(Reference)*

- Targeted Roadway Capacity/Safety Improvements *(Action 4-2-3)*

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- Multi-Modal Network Plan
  - “Complete Streets” Policy *(Action 4-3-1)*
  - Bicycle Network Plan *(Objective 4-6)*
  - Pedestrian Network Plan *(Objective 4-7)*
  - Sidewalk Inventory *(Action 4-7-2)*
  - Greenway Trails Plan *(Action 6-4-1)*

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- Downtown Parking Strategy *(Action 4-4-2)*

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- Open Space Acquisition Program
  - Valuable natural resource lands *(Action 5-3-3)*
  - Floodplain lands *(Action 5-5-1)*
  - Greenway lands *(Action 6-4-2)*

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- Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Capital Improvements Plan *(Action 6-1-1)*

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- Public Buildings / Facilities Capital Improvements Plan *(Objective 6-2)*

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- Park and Recreational Facilities Capital Improvements Plan *(Objective 6-3)*

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- Coordinated (Water and Sewer) Utility Infrastructure Extension/  
Land Use Plan *(Objective 6-8)*

Citywide Capital Improvement Projects *(Reference)*

- Roadway network projects
  - East-West Corridor *(Action 4-1-2)*
  - Popp’s Ferry Road widening / bridge improvement *(Action 4-1-1)*

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- Roadway capacity / safety improvement projects *(Action 4-2-3)*

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- Biloxi Peninsula Path *(Action 4-7-2)*

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- Open space acquisitions
  - Valuable natural resource lands *(Action 5-3-3)*
  - Floodplain lands *(Action 5-5-1)*
  - Greenway lands *(Action 6-4-2)*

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- Community facility improvement projects
  - Police, fire, and emergency services *(Action 6-1-1)*

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- Community facility improvement projects
  - Public buildings and facilities *(Objective 6-2)*

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- Community facility improvement projects
  - Park and recreational facilities *(Objective 6-3)*

NEIGHBORHOOD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK—EAST AND WEST BILOXI

Capital Improvement Planning <i>(Ref)</i>	Neighborhood Planning Area Capital Improvement Projects	
	East Biloxi	West Biloxi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted Roadway Capacity/Safety Improvements <i>(Action 4-2-3)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Biloxi Transportation Loop <i>(Strategy 3)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pine St extension</li> <li>Bayview Rd widening</li> </ul> </li> <li>I-110 interchange improvements <i>(Strategy 3)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-110 SB ramp at Bayview Ave</li> <li>I-110 improved radius at Highway 90</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadway improvement projects <i>(Strategy 3)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans Ave widening</li> <li>Highway 90 service drive (Camellia St to Rodenburg Ave)</li> <li>Pass Rd intersection improvements (targeted capacity improvements per Action 4-2-3)</li> <li>Popp’s Ferry Rd extension to Highway 90</li> <li>Eisenhower Dr realignment</li> <li>Irish Hill Dr extension to Greater Ave</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-Modal Network Plan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Complete Streets” Policy <i>(Action 4-3-1)</i></li> <li>Bicycle Network Plan <i>(Objective 4-6)</i></li> <li>Pedestrian Network Plan <i>(Objective 4-7)</i></li> <li>Greenway Trails Plan <i>(Action 6-4-1)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Complete Street” corridor improvements <i>(Strategy 3)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howard St (underway)</li> <li>Oak St</li> <li>Division St</li> </ul> </li> <li>East Biloxi pedestrian/bicycle network improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Biloxi pedestrian/bicycle network improvements <i>(Strategy 2)</i></li> <li>Convention Center district streetscape improvements <i>(Strategy 5)</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Acquisition Program                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valuable natural resource lands <i>(Action 5-3-3)</i></li> <li>Floodplain lands <i>(Action 5-5-1)</i></li> <li>Greenway lands <i>(Action 6-4-2)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Action 6-1-1)</i></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Buildings/Facilities Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Objective 6-2)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Biloxi Library and Civic Center <i>(Strategy 7)</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park and Recreational Facilities Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Objective 6-3)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Biloxi neighborhood parks/recreational facilities <i>(Strategy 7)</i></li> <li>Public dock/marina reconstruction and expansion <i>(Strategy 2)</i></li> <li>Point Cadet <i>(Strategy 2)</i></li> <li>Seafood Village <i>(Strategy 8)</i></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated (Water and Sewer) Utility Infrastructure Extension/Land Use Plan <i>(Objective 6-8)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility (water and sewer) infrastructure repair/upgrades <i>(Strategy 7)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility (water and sewer) infrastructure repair/upgrades</li> </ul>

NEIGHBORHOOD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK—NORTH BILOXI AND WOOLMARKET

Capital Improvement Planning <i>(Ref)</i>	Neighborhood Planning Area Capital Improvement Projects	
	North Biloxi	Woolmarket
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted Roadway Capacity / Safety Improvements <i>(Action 4-2-3)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadway improvement projects <i>(Strategy 2)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Popp’s Ferry Rd widening (Cedar Lake Rd to D’Iberville)</li> <li>Cedar Lake Rd / I-10 service road</li> <li>Swan Lake / I-10 service road</li> <li>East Harrison County Connector to Popp’s Ferry Road</li> <li>Cedar Lake Road drawbridge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadway improvement projects                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shorecrest Rd / I-10 interchange</li> <li>Shorecrest Rd improvements</li> <li>Woolmarket Rd Extension to O’Neal Rd</li> <li>Lorraine Road Bridge Realignment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-Modal Network Plan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Complete Streets” Policy <i>(Action 4-3-1)</i></li> <li>Bicycle Network Plan <i>(Objective 4-6)</i></li> <li>Pedestrian Network Plan <i>(Objective 4-7)</i></li> <li>Greenway Trails Plan <i>(Action 6-4-1)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Complete street” improvements: Popp’s Ferry Rd, Cedar Lake Rds <i>(Strategy 2)</i></li> <li>North Biloxi pedestrian/bicycle network improvements <i>(Strategy 5)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woolmarket pedestrian/bicycle network improvements <i>(Strategy 5)</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downtown Parking Strategy <i>(Action 4-4-2)</i></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Acquisition Program                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valuable natural resource lands <i>(Action 5-3-3)</i></li> <li>Floodplain lands <i>(Action 5-5-1)</i></li> <li>Greenway lands <i>(Action 6-4-2)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Action 6-1-1)</i></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Buildings / Facilities Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Objective 6-2)</i></li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park and Recreational Facilities Capital Improvements Plan <i>(Objective 6-3)</i></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New community facilities (coordinate with future land use and center locations) <i>(Strategy 4)</i></li> <li>New park/community center (centrally located/ Woolmarket Regional Activity Center)</li> <li>Fire stations (three per Fire Dept)</li> <li>Other new community facilities needed to support future land use</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated (Water and Sewer) Utility Infrastructure Extension/Land Use Plan <i>(Objective 6-8)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility (water and sewer) infrastructure repair/ upgrades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New utility (water and sewer) infrastructure (prioritize to support designated activity centers and reduce scattered development that is inefficient and costly to serve) <i>(Strategy 2)</i></li> </ul>

NEIGHBORHOOD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK—DOWNTOWN

Capital Improvement Planning *(Reference)*

- Targeted Roadway Capacity / Safety Improvements *(Action 4-2-3)*

- Multi-Modal Network Plan
  - “Complete Streets” Policy *(Action 4-3-1)*
  - Bicycle Network Plan *(Objective 4-6)*
  - Pedestrian Network Plan *(Objective 4-7)*
  - Greenway Trails Plan *(Action 6-4-1)*

- Downtown Parking Strategy *(Action 4-4-2)*

- Open Space Acquisition Program
  - Valuable natural resource lands *(Action 5-3-3)*
  - Floodplain lands *(Action 5-5-1)*
  - Greenway lands *(Action 6-4-2)*

- Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Capital Improvements Plan *(Action 6-1-1)*

- Public Buildings/Facilities Capital Improvements Plan *(Objective 6-2)*

- Park and Recreational Facilities Capital Improvements Plan *(Objective 6-3)*

- Coordinated (Water and Sewer) Utility Infrastructure Extension / Land Use Plan *(Objective 6-8)*

Downtown Revitalization Strategy *(Reference)*

- Beach Boulevard improvements (to reinforce connection from casinos to Downtown) *(Strategy 1)*
  - Pedestrian connections from casinos
  - Retiming of traffic lights for pedestrian safety

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  - Biloxi Peninsula Path
  - Other pedestrian-oriented streetscape improvements
- “Catalytic” improvements to promote private investment (Lameuse Street and Rue Magnolia “restaurant/shopping district”) *(Strategy 2)*
  - Streetscape improvements
  - Parking

- Develop Downtown parking improvements *(Strategy 9)*

- Other Downtown “public realm” improvements *(Strategy 7)*
  - Streetscape/sidewalk improvements
  - Open spaces/“micro-parks”
  - Downtown Sidewalk Inventory

- Downtown public space *(Strategy 7)*
  - City Hall public open space
  - Town Green outdoor amphitheater

## 12.5/PLAN MONITORING

The Comprehensive Plan should be viewed as a working document that can be adapted to respond to the changing needs and conditions of its residents and businesses. The Action Plan (12.3) should be reviewed on a continuous, as-needed basis and updated not less than every five years. This continuous review supports the idea that planning is an ongoing process. The City's CIP (12.4) should be reviewed and updated on a yearly basis. Each year since Hurricane Katrina, Biloxi has prepared and distributed an annual State of the City report. The continued preparation of this report provides an ideal opportunity for Biloxi's administration to review and monitor progress made in implementing Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

### Next Steps

The following is a recommended checklist for the development of a more specific protocol for plan monitoring and updating, to be established within three to six months of plan adoption. Next steps to consider include:

- Establish a process for the Community Development Department to submit to the Planning Commission and City Council an annual report indicating progress made toward plan implementation.
- Consider identifying specific indicators or benchmarks to measure progress in implementing the Plan.
- Maintain open communication with residents, developers, special interest groups, organizations, and local and regional agencies throughout the year to aid in monitoring the Plan's effectiveness.
- Provide effective ways for citizens to participate in the process prior to any proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are implemented.

### Updating

The City should monitor implementation progress and consider the need to update the Comprehensive Plan at least every five years. A revision process would include an evaluation of changes in trends and existing conditions and any needed modifications to the goals and actions to reflect changing circumstances or priorities.

