



**CITY OF LA VISTA**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

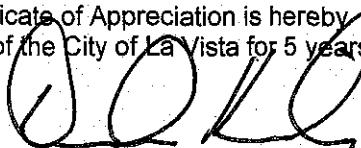
A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO **JARED HENDERSON** OF THE LA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR 5 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA.

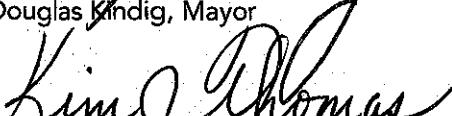
WHEREAS, Jared Henderson, has served the City of La Vista since June 3, 2008 and

WHEREAS, Jared Henderson's input and contributions to the City of La Vista have contributed to the success of the City.

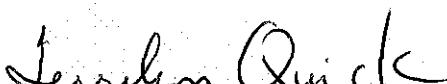
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Certificate of Appreciation is hereby presented to **Jared Henderson** on behalf of the City of La Vista for 5 years of service to the City.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

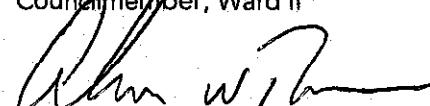
  
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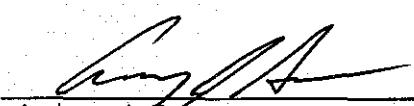
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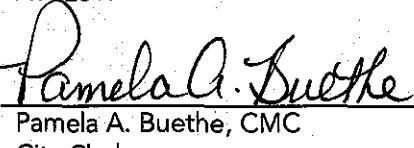
  
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Anthony J. Gowan

Councilmember, Ward IV

ATTEST:

  
Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk





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A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO **STEVE LEIGHTON** OF THE LA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR 5 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA.

WHEREAS, **Steve Leighton**, has served the City of La Vista since June 3, 2008 and

WHEREAS, **Steve Leighton's** input and contributions to the City of La Vista have contributed to the success of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Certificate of Appreciation is hereby presented to **Steve Leighton** on behalf of the City of La Vista for 5 years of service to the City.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Mike Crawford  
Councilmember, Ward I

Ronald Sheehan  
Councilmember, Ward II

Deb Hale  
Councilmember, Ward III

Kelly R. Sall  
Councilmember, Ward IV

Kim J. Thomas  
Councilmember, Ward I

Terrilyn Quirk  
Councilmember, Ward II

Alan W. Ronan  
Councilmember, Ward III

Anthony J. Gowan  
Councilmember, Ward IV

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk





**CITY OF LA VISTA**

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A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO TROY LITTLE OF THE LA VISTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR 5 YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA.

WHEREAS, Troy Little, has served the City of La Vista since June 3, 2008 and

WHEREAS, Troy Little's input and contributions to the City of La Vista have contributed to the success of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Certificate of Appreciation is hereby presented to **Troy Little** on behalf of the City of La Vista for 5 years of service to the City.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Kim J. Thomas  
Councilmember, Ward I

Terrilyn Quick  
Councilmember, Ward II

Alan W. Ronan  
Councilmember, Ward III

Anthony J. Gowan  
Councilmember, Ward IV

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk



# MINUTE RECORD

No. 729 — REDFIELD & COMPANY, INC. OMAHA E1107788LD

LA VISTA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
June 4, 2013

A meeting of the City Council of the City of La Vista, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on June 4, 2013. Present were Councilmembers: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Also in attendance were City Attorney McKeon, City Administrator Gunn, Assistant City Administrator Ramirez, City Clerk Buethe, Police Chief Lausten, Fire Chief Uhl, Public Works Director Soucie, Community Development Director Birch, Public Building and Grounds Director Archibald, Recreation Director Stopak, Library Director Barcal, City Engineer Kottmann, City Planner Solberg, and Chief Building Official Sinnott.

A notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Times on May 22, 2013. Notice was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and a copy of the acknowledgment of the receipt of notice attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated to the Mayor and City Council in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Further, all subjects included in said proceedings were contained in the agenda for said meeting which is kept continuously current and available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours.

Mayor Kindig called the meeting to order and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Kindig announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the Council Chambers and copies were also available in the lobby of City Hall.

Mayor Kindig made an announcement regarding the agenda policy statement providing for an expanded opportunity for public comment on the agenda items.

**SERVICE AWARD – KAREN FAGIN – 10 YEARS; BRYAN JIRAK, ALEX MARTIN,  
MICKEY STUBBS – 5 YEARS**

Mayor Kindig recognized Karen Fagin for 10 years of service to the City and Bryan Jirak, Alex Martin, and Mickey Stubbs for 5 years of service to the City.

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2013 CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2013 LA  
VISTA/METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONDOMINIUM  
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013 PARK &  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- 5. APPROVE PAY REQUEST – HUNDEN STRATEGIC PARTNERS –  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - \$4998.10**
- 6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**
- 7. RESOLUTION 13-053 - APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**
- 8. RESOLUTION 13-054 – INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – 2013  
GIS COALITION**
- 9. RESOLUTION 13-055 – APPROVAL – LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY  
(LEP) PLAN**
- 10. RESOLUTION 13-056 – AWARD OF CONTRACT – EASTERN NEBRASKA  
OFFICE ON AGING**

A AND L HYDRAULICS, equip.	240.76
AAT, supplies	1,445.00
ACCURATE TOOL & DIE, maint.	165.00
AFL, vehicle	26,856.00
AKSARBEN PLUMBING, refund	38.00
ALAMAR, apparel	417.48
ARAMARK, services	497.47
ASPHALT & CONCRETE MATERIALS, maint.	312.50

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AUSTIN PETERS GROUP, services	1,200.00
BAKER & TAYLOR, books	315.69
BARCAL, R., travel	38.82
BEAUDIN, C., travel	264.00
BIBLIONIX, equip.	3,850.00
BIERBRAUER, A., training	203.00
BIG RIG TRUCK, maint.	551.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, utilities	1,729.51
BRIDGESTONE GOLF, supplies	867.67
BUILDERS SUPPLY, bld&grnds	525.24
BOMA, training	20.00
CALLAWAY GOLF, supplies	436.50
CAPSTONE, books	2,551.51
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	12,436.39
CENTURY LINK, utilities	49.64
CHARLESWORTH, services	3,915.00
CHILD'S WORLD, books	94.75
CITY OF OMAHA, sewer	79,453.07
CJ'S HOME CENTER, maint.	592.06
COCA-COLA, supplies	1,880.21
CONTROL MASTERS INC., bld&grnds	477.28
CORNHUSKER INTL TRUCKS, maint.	94.29
COX, phone	67.15
DAYMARK SOLUTIONS, services	240.00
DEETER FOUNDRY, sewer	792.00
DIGITAL ALLY, postage	100.00
EDGEWEAR SCREEN PRINTING, printing	2,397.00
ELBERT, A., travel	264.00
EMPORIA LIBRARY, books	23.95
ENSLOW, books	118.47
ENTERPRISE LOCKSMITHS, bld&grnds	65.00
FBINAA, training	100.00
FILTER CARE, maint.	41.00
FRED PETERSON	130.00
GALE, books	71.22
GARROD, M., travel	106.22
GCR TIRE CENTERS, maint.	36.03
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY, maint.	1,255.28
GRAINGER, equip.	120.77
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC, bld&grnds	128.52
GREAT PLAINS GFOA, training	325.00
H & H CHEV., maint.	121.79
HANEY SHOE STORE, apparel	111.95
HEARTLAND PAPER, supplies	65.00
HERITAGE CRYSTAL CLEAN, services	525.30
HONEYMAN RENT-ALL, bld&grnds	388.94
INDUSTRIAL SALES, training	200.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS, maint.	3,145.25
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, books	251.00
JACIK, T., training	150.00
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY, bld&grnds	21.76
KRIHA FLUID POWER, maint.	29.46
LAUGHLIN, KATHLEEN A, TRUSTEE	474.00
LEAGUE ASSN OF RISK MGMT, insurance	513.00
LERNER PUBLISHING, books	285.19
LIBRARY IDEAS, media	10.50
LOU'S SPORTING GOODS, equip.	270.00
MAPA, travel	75.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS, apparel	166.38
MCGARVEY, N., refund	45.00
MICHAEL TODD, maint.	825.35
MID CONTINENT SAFETY, equip.	80.00
MID-STATES UTILITY, maint.	451.50

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MIDWEST TAPE, media	74.98
MIDWEST TURF & IRRIGATION, bld&grnds	157.51
MLB LOGISTICS, supplies	455.01
NATIONAL EVERYTHING WHOLESALE, services	1,603.57
NE DEPT OF LABOR, inspection	100.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY, supplies	17,650.48
NEBRASKA WELDING, maint.	33.69
NEUMAN EQUIPMENT, bld&grnds	64.77
NEWCO TRUCK PARTS, maint.	4,747.50
NIKE, supplies	668.37
NMC EXCHANGE, services	2,700.00
OCLC, books	27.42
OFFICE DEPOT, supplies	1,923.98
OPPD, utilitites	44,144.83
OPPD, utilitites	3,028.17
OMAHA TACTICAL, supplies	29.00
OMAHA WINNELSON, maint.	35.00
OMAHA WORLD HERALD, ads	241.90
OMNIGRAPHICS, books	81.85
ON THE SPOT PRODUCTIONS, marketing	8,076.00
O'REILLY AUTO., maint.	29.44
OVERHEAD DOOR, bld&grnds	400.00
PAPILLION SANITATION, services	1,235.19
PARAMOUNT, services	315.96
PERFORMANCE FORD, maint.	37.11
PETTY CASH	203.55
PHOENIX POOLS & WATERFALLS, refund	25.00
PLAINS EQUIPMENT GROUP, maint.	3,279.26
RAINBOW GLASS & SUPPLY, bld&grnds	128.37
RALSTON ADVERTISING, equip.	537.00
SAPP BROS, supplies	10,975.65
SARPY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, services	18,667.64
SIGN IT, banners	470.00
SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABS, supplies	188.04
SNELLING, M., refund	15.00
STATE TROOPERS ASSN NE, training	100.00
STENGEL, J., refund	55.00
SUBURBAN NEWSPAPERS, ads	46.00
TAB HOLDING, maint.	2,223.07
TIGHTON FASTENER & SUPPLY, supplies	212.98
TITAN MACHINERY, maint.	299.17
TITLEIST, supplies	471.59
TURFWERKS, maint.	402.24
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, training	350.00
USBORNE, books	346.43
VERIZON, phones	443.97
WASTE MANAGEMENT NE., bld&grnds	257.89
WICK'S STERLING TRUCKS, maint.	1,291.25

Councilmember Gowan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Quick. Councilmember Quick reviewed the claims for this period and stated everything was in order. Councilmember Sheehan asked if Local and Regional Government Service Authorities was familiar with Nebraska practices. City Administrator Gunn stated that our fiscal agents, bond council, and city staff would be available to answer any questions he might have. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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## REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Clerk Buethe reported that the last day of the legislature will be June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Buethe also reported that with approval from staff and the property owner, the La Vista Youth Baseball would be moving from the original site at 7904 S 83<sup>rd</sup> street to a new site at the NE Corner of 108<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road.

Police Chief Lausten reported that a taskforce was working with the FBI on drug enforcement.

Public Works Director Soucie reported that Slumbuster Tournament would begin in two weeks. Soucie stated that staff was behind on mowing as the current weather conditions require that they mow every three days. Councilmember Crawford asked about the area around 120<sup>th</sup> and Harrison that had gotten long. Soucie stated that was maintained by Sarpy County and that he would contact them about the maintenance.

City Planner Solberg introduced the Community Development Intern Cort Barber to the Mayor and Council.

Chief Building Official Sinnett reported that the new construction at 96<sup>th</sup> and Giles was well underway. Sinnett stated that due to the weather there had been 15 rain out days for construction. Sinnett also reported that the owners of the damaged property at 7727 Parkview have until October to fix or the City would have options. Mayor Kindig asked that something be done to shorten the time frame. The Community Development will look into this and bring something back to Council for consideration. The property on South 88<sup>th</sup> Street when the structure burned has been purchased and the new owner will be making improvements on the property.

Recreation Director Stopak reported that the pool was open. Stopak continued that the pump for the chemical feeder had gone down, new parts had been ordered and should be in on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Library Director Barcal reported that the summer reading program had begun.

## B. ANNEXATION OF SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #195 (MAYFAIR), MISC. LOTS #1 (MAYFAIR NON-SID LOTS), I-80 BUSINESS PARK 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, TAX LOTS 17 & 18 (17-14-12), MISC. LOTS #2, AND ADJOINING STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY - FIRST READING

### 1. PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:17 p.m. Mayor Kindig opened the public hearing and stated the floor was now open for discussion on the Annexation of Sanitary and Improvement Districts #195 (Mayfair), Misc. Lots #1 (Mayfair Non-SID Lots), I-80 Business Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Tax Lots 17 & 18 (17-14-12), Misc. Lots #2, and adjoining streets rights – of –way first reading.

At 7:17 p.m. Councilmember Hale made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Sell. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sheehan. Motion carried.

### 2. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – SID #195 AND MISCELLANEOUS LOT #1

City Clerk Buethe read Ordinance No. 1191 entitled; AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (SID NO.195, MAYFAIR, A SUBDIVISION AS SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, LOT 21, MAYFAIR 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, AND OUTLOT "A", MAYFAIR, SUBDIVISIONS AS SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PORTIONS OF ANY ADJOINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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Councilmember Sheehan made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1191 and pass it on for final reading at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Quick. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## 3. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – I-80 BUSINESS PARK – 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION AND TAX LOTS 17 AND 18

City Clerk Buethe read Ordinance No. 1192 entitled; AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (LOTS 1 AND 2, I-80 INDUSTRIAL PARK 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TAX LOTS 17 AND 18, LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SAID SARPY COUNTY; AND PORTIONS OF ANY ADJOINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Councilmember Crawford made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1192 and pass it on for final reading at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Gowan. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## 4. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING – MISCELLANEOUS LOTS #2

City Clerk Buethe read Ordinance No. 1193 entitled; AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (TAX LOTS 11 AND 15 LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17 AND PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FORMER UPRR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E AND THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Councilmember Sheehan made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1193 and pass it on for final reading at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Councilmember Crawford made a motion to move Comments from the Floor up on the agenda ahead of Item C Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Sell. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

## COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Boyce Brown and Brenda McBride addressed the Council regarding a 30 day warning they received for exceeding the maximum number of dogs allowed in the city. Brown and McBride asked that the Council review the ordinance and allow for three dogs, or that they be provided with a waiver. Mayor Kindig directed the staff to research and report back to the Council at a later meeting.

## C. EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION; CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

At 7:28 p.m. Councilmember Crawford made a motion to go into executive session for the protection of the public interest for negotiating guidance regarding land acquisition and contract negotiations.

Seconded by Councilmember Gowan. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Mayor Kindig stated the executive session would be limited to the subject matter contained in the motion.

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At 8:57 p.m. the Council came out of executive session. Councilmember Crawford made a motion to reconvene in open and public session. Seconded by Councilmember Sell. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hale. Motion carried.

## COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Kindig reported that Sarpy County was going to begin evaluating the 911 Center's operation processes and resources. Kindig stated that he would encourage the County Commissioners to move forward with a merger.

Mayor Kindig provided a legislative report and stated that the item regarding Omaha's sales tax would be discussed in the legislature on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:07 p.m. Councilmember Sell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Hale. Councilmembers voting aye: Gowan, Ronan, Sheehan, Thomas, Crawford, Quick, Hale, and Sell. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

## MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF LA VISTA

### MINUTES OF MEETING May 9, 2013

Members Present: Rose Barcal Jill Frederick Valerie Russell  
Carol Westlund

Members Absent: Huyen-Yen Hoang Kim Schmit-Pokorny

#### Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

#### Agenda Item #2: Announcement of Location of Posted Open Meetings Act

An announcement was made of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

#### Agenda Item #3: Introductions

There were no introductions made.

#### Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2013 Meeting

It was moved by Westlund and seconded by Frederick that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### Agenda Item #5: Library Director's Report

- a. Programs: an overview of various programs was given including Author Fair on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Japanese braiding called Kumihimo on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Employee updates were given. Director Barcal will be on the Eastern Library System's Executive Board for a three year term. The practicum student, Willa completed her assignment at our library.
- c. Library Meetings were reviewed including the Public Library Director's meeting, the Project Search graduation and Nebraska Library Association Board meeting.
- d. General Library Information included letters of interest being sent to the La Vista apartment complexes. A request to include library information in their move-in packets is being sent out.

#### Agenda Item #6: Circulation Report

Library Director Barcal distributed the circulation report. The report was discussed and accepted.

#### Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Current and future grants were reviewed.
  - i. 2013 Student Internship Grant Program from the Nebraska Library Commission was submitted. The grant requested \$1,000 for programming and a stipend for a second teen to learn about the library profession. The grant request was award with \$500. Work will begin over summer.
  - ii. Youth Excellence Grant 2012. This grant was awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission for a Teen Media Club. Funds will be used for a DVR, laptop and bag, flash card, and a wireless mouse. Equipment has been ordered.
  - iii. Civil War 150: There will be a 3 week exhibit at the Library in October of 2014. The grant included \$1,000 for programming. There is no update.
  - iv. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Nebraska Library Commission Broadband Technology Opportunities Program continue with monthly statistical and computer reports.

The ADA computer has arrived but the printer and an open house will be scheduled in the near future.

- b. Inventory 2013. An updated report was distributed. Twenty-seven items have been rectified.
- c. Boards and Commissions Manual (tabled).
- d. Policy Review: Food and Drink in the Library. There was a motion by Frederick and a second by Russell to accept the Food and Drink in the Library Policy. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. The policy will be distributed to staff and posted on the public bulletin board. The policy will take effect immediately.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Policy Review: Bulletin Board. This policy is currently under review for any updates or revisions. The policy will come before the Board in July for any edits.
- b. Amnesty Week: the week of June 16-22<sup>nd</sup> will be Amnesty Week at the library.
- c. Budget 2013-2014. Assistant Director Jodi Linhart has completed the library budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and submitted it to City Hall. The library budget meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup> with City Administration.
- d. Partnership with Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation. For the second year in a row, the La Vista Public Library has teamed up with the Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation to promote reading and literacy in La Vista. The Foundation has again committed to assist with the purchase of children's book to be distributed during the La Vista Daze Parade by staff of the Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation.
- e. Summer Programming. Calendars for the children and teen programming were distributed to Board members

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor.

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Board

Russell commented on the five Teen Advisory Board members who spoke to the La Vista Junior High Reading Club and encourage them to attend the Teen Board and teen library programs. Frederick commented on the Preschool Storytime being open to the entire community and the benefits that holds. She also shared information about the programs at the Rose Theatre which will be passed on to Assistant Director Linhart.

There was a motion by Westlund and seconded by Frederick to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the La Vista Public Library, Conference Room #142.

**CITY OF LAVISTA, NEBRASKA**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**  
For the eight months ended May 31, 2013  
67% of the Fiscal Year

REVENUES	General Fund					Debt Service Fund					Capital Fund				
	Budget (12 month)	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Over/(under) Budget	% of budget Used	Budget	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Over/(under) Budget	Budget	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Over/(under) Budget		
Property Taxes	\$ 5,595,836	\$ 321,734	\$ 2,955,654	\$ (2,640,182)	53%	\$ 637,325	\$ 45,382	\$ 353,399	\$ (283,926)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sales and use taxes	2,033,982	336,707	2,904,558	870,576	143%	1,016,991	168,353	1,452,277	435,286	-	-	-	-	-	
Payments in Lieu of taxes	185,000	210,273	210,273	25,273	114%	-	25,748	25,748	25,748	-	-	-	-	-	
State revenue	1,073,300	97,965	881,891	(191,409)	82%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Occupation and franchise taxes	750,000	65,615	629,683	(120,317)	84%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hotel Occupation Tax	684,682	68,048	471,797	(212,885)	69%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Licenses and permits	418,750	36,106	307,720	(111,030)	73%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest income	10,000	991	9,287	(713)	93%	20,000	714	3,791	(16,209)	-	-	-	-	-	
Recreation fees	124,000	11,067	86,249	(37,751)	70%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Services	24,590	2,536	15,397	(9,193)	63%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grant Income	179,665	97,069	291,270	111,605	162%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	891,348	29,677	222,173	(579,175)	28%	993,450	252	76,093	(917,357)	547,860	170,807	21,888	581,530	(547,960)	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,891,153</b>	<b>1,277,790</b>	<b>8,985,954</b>	<b>(2,895,199)</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>2,667,766</b>	<b>240,449</b>	<b>1,911,308</b>	<b>(756,458)</b>	<b>718,667</b>	<b>21,888</b>	<b>581,530</b>	<b>410,723</b>	<b>(137,137)</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>															
Current:															
Mayor and Council	176,706	7,947	57,332	(119,374)	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Boards & Commissions	12,350	389	4,029	(8,321)	33%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Buildings & Grounds	562,487	38,706	283,289	(279,198)	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Administration	836,777	77,227	528,969	(307,808)	63%	90,000	337	9,228	(80,772)	-	-	-	-	-	
Police and Animal Control	3,989,138	275,331	2,473,785	(1,515,353)	62%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fire	567,219	35,987	282,962	(284,257)	50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Community Development	673,722	51,874	348,416	(325,306)	52%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Works	3,204,843	219,866	1,831,440	(1,373,403)	57%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Recreation	659,488	42,884	320,147	(339,341)	49%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Library	679,093	52,043	402,231	(276,862)	59%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Human Resources	454,611	8,405	387,838	(66,773)	85%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Services & Tri-City Bus	93,684	4,436	43,296	(50,388)	46%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Capital outlay	215,500	43,627	75,231	(140,269)	35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Debt service: (Warrants)	-	-	-	-	-	2,565,000	-	2,540,174	(24,826)	1,981,084	21,888	581,530	(1,399,554)	-	
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	803,307	140,224	567,448	(235,859)	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	3,458,307	140,561	3,116,850	(341,457)	1,981,084	21,888	581,530	(1,399,554)	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,125,618</b>	<b>858,720</b>	<b>7,038,963</b>	<b>(5,086,655)</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>2,565,000</b>	<b>140,224</b>	<b>567,448</b>	<b>(235,859)</b>	<b>1,981,084</b>	<b>21,888</b>	<b>581,530</b>	<b>(1,399,554)</b>		
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(244,465)</b>	<b>419,070</b>	<b>1,946,991</b>	<b>(2,191,457)</b>	<b>-796%</b>	<b>(790,541)</b>	<b>99,888</b>	<b>(1,205,542)</b>	<b>415,001</b>	<b>(1,262,417)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,262,417)</b>		
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>															
Operating transfers in (out)	(1,237,630)	-	-	1,237,630	-	(109,369)	-	-	109,369	1,262,417	-	-	(1,262,417)	-	
Bond/registered warrant proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(1,237,630)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,237,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(109,369)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,369</b>	<b>1,262,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,262,417)</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ (1,482,095)</b>	<b>\$ 419,070</b>	<b>\$ 1,946,991</b>	<b>\$ (3,429,087)</b>		<b>\$ (899,910)</b>	<b>\$ 99,888</b>	<b>\$ (1,205,542)</b>	<b>\$ 305,632</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, beginning of the year</b>				<b>5,392,485</b>					<b>5,162,786</b>				<b>660,518</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCES, END OF PERIOD</b>				<b>\$ 7,339,476</b>					<b>\$ 3,957,244</b>				<b>\$ 660,518</b>		

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**CITY OF LAVISTA**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**For the eight months ended May 31, 2013**  
**67% of the Fiscal Year**

	Sewer Fund					Golf Course Fund				
	Budget	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget Used	Budget	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget Used
<b>REVENUES</b>										
User fees	\$ 2,395,988	\$ 194,015	\$ 1,580,066	\$ (815,922)	66% 107%	\$ 183,000	\$ 30,013	\$ 75,600	\$ (107,400)	41%
Service charge and hook-up fees	125,000	6,700	134,149	9,149						
Merchandise sales	-	-	-	-		34,400	6,240	12,927	(21,473)	38%
Grant	-	-	24,082	24,082	n/a	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	200	22	767	567	383%	300	39	135	-	45%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,521,188</b>	<b>200,737</b>	<b>1,739,064</b>	<b>(782,124)</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>217,700</b>	<b>36,292</b>	<b>88,662</b>	<b>(128,873)</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>										
General Administrative	489,982	39,012	301,478	(188,504)	62%	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of merchandise sold	-	-	-	-	-	29,704	5,028	15,836	(13,868)	53%
Maintenance	2,088,906	34,480	865,457	(1,223,449)	41%	163,461	30,660	102,210	(61,251)	63%
Production and distribution	-	-	-	-	-	148,840	10,333	76,761	(72,079)	52%
Capital Outlay	40,000	-	-	(40,000)	0%	14,000	-	-	(14,000)	0%
Debt Service:										
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	120,000	-	120,000	-	100%
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	10,083	-	6,676	(3,407)	66%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,618,888</b>	<b>73,493</b>	<b>1,166,936</b>	<b>(1,451,952)</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>486,088</b>	<b>46,021</b>	<b>321,483</b>	<b>(164,605)</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(97,700)</b>	<b>127,244</b>	<b>572,128</b>	<b>(669,828)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(268,388)</b>	<b>(9,729)</b>	<b>(232,821)</b>	<b>35,732</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>										
Interest income	5,000	120	1,484	(3,516)	30%	25	6	77	52	307%
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>1,484</u>	<u>(3,516)</u>	<u>30%</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>307%</u>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>										
	(92,700)	127,363	573,611	(666,311)	-	(268,363)	(9,723)	(232,745)	35,619	-
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>										
Operating transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	265,000	-	-	(265,000)	0%
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (92,700)</b>	<b>\$ 127,363</b>	<b>\$ 573,611</b>	<b>\$ (666,311)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ (3,363)</b>	<b>\$ (9,723)</b>	<b>\$ (232,745)</b>	<b>\$ 229,382</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, Beginning of the year</b>			<u>5,719,344</u>						<u>357,613</u>	
<b>NET ASSETS, End of the year</b>			<u>\$ 6,292,955</u>						<u>\$ 124,869</u>	

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111259	6/18/2013	196	BLACK HILLS ENERGY			42.22			
111260	6/18/2013	220	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD			160.09			
111261	6/18/2013	4732	BMI			327.00			
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111357	58 RAINBOW GLASS & SUPPLY	6/18/2013				189.00			
111358	1978 RECREONICS INC ETAL	6/18/2013				132.10			
111359	3090 REGAL AWARDS OF DISTINCTION	6/18/2013				56.34			
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111367	505 STANDARD HEATING AND AIR COND	6/18/2013				169.00			
111368	807 SUPERIOR SPA & POOL	6/18/2013				109.90			
111369	4150 TOMSU, LINDSEY	6/18/2013				217.94			
111370	161 TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	6/18/2013				189.97			
111371	2765 TRADE WELL PALLET INC	6/18/2013				200.00			
111372	4883 TRICARE	6/18/2013				291.96			
111373	1122 TURF CARS LTD	6/18/2013				162.83			
111374	2455 UNITED RENT-ALL	6/18/2013				1,052.36			
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111376	3413 VERNON COMPANY	6/18/2013				2,383.91			
111377	766 VIERREGGER ELECTRIC COMPANY	6/18/2013				5,120.00			
111378	78 WASTE MANAGEMENT NEBRASKA	6/18/2013				381.79			
111379	3150 WHITE CAP CONSTR SUPPLY/HDS	6/18/2013				109.34			
111380	968 WICK'S STERLING TRUCKS INC	6/18/2013				126.79			
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02	SEWER FUND			58,555.85		58,555.85	.00	.00					
05	CONSTRUCTION			325.50		325.50	.00	.00					
08	LOTTERY FUND			22,062.00		22,062.00	.00	.00					
09	GOLF COURSE FUND			4,929.22		4,929.22	.00	.00					
15	OFF-STREET PARKING			760.95		760.95	.00	.00					
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OUTSTANDING						263,505.58							
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+ GROSS PAYROLL 06/07/13						<u>271,576.02</u>							
GRAND TOTAL						<u>\$535,081.60</u>							

APPROVED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS 06/18/13

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**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JUNE 18, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
ANNEXATION — SID # 195 (MAYFAIR), MISC. LOTS #1 (MAYFAIR NON-SID LOTS), ◆ ORDINANCES (3) I-80 BUSINESS PARK 2 <sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, MISC. LOTS #2 & ADJOINING STREET ROW's	RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCES (3) RECEIVE/FILE	ANN BIRCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS**

The third reading and adoption of the ordinances has been scheduled for Council to annex the following property:

**(1) SID # 195**

- Mayfair: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103 and 104
- Mayfair Replat One: Lots 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132 and 133
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 and 118
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat One: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4A and 11A
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat Two: Lot 9A
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat Three: Lot 2
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat Four: Lot 1
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat Five: Lots 1 and 2
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Replat Six: Lots 1 and 2

**(2) Miscellaneous Lots #1**

- Mayfair: Outlot A
- Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition: Lot 21

**(3) I-80 Business Park – 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition and Tax Lots 17 and 18**

- I-80 Business Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition: Lots 1 and 2
- Tax Lots 17 and 18 (17-14N-12E)

**(4) Miscellaneous Lots #2**

- Tax Lots 11 and 15 (17-14N-12E)

**(5) And Any Adjoining Street Rights-of-Way**

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
SID #195 - Mayfair	\$ 43,350,273	\$ 1,460,000
Miscellaneous Lots #1	\$ 295,009	\$ ---
I-80 Business Park - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Add.	\$ 378,738	\$ ---
Miscellaneous Lots #2	\$ 78,035	\$ ---

Additional detail can be found in the annexation plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and Adoption of the Ordinances.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 5, 2013, the Council adopted an amendment to Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Plan, which provides a detailed annexation plan. The areas proposed for annexation are identified within the plan, on the SID Summary spreadsheet, as areas 2, 2a, 2b, and 2c.

A detailed annexation analysis was prepared and on April 16, 2013, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-030 stating the Council was considering the annexation and setting 7 P.M. on June 4<sup>th</sup> as the time and date of the public hearing. Notice of the City Council public hearing was mailed to owners of property within the area proposed for annexation according to statutory requirements.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 9, 2013, and on a vote of 6 in favor with one abstaining, recommended approval of the annexation to the City Council.

On May 21, 2013, the City Council approved the first reading of the ordinances. The public hearing was held on June 4, 2013, and second reading of the ordinances was approved. The third reading and adoption of the annexation ordinances is now scheduled. With the motion to approve the final adoption of the ordinances, **the City Council must state formal compliance with the provisions of Section 16-130(6) of the Nebraska statutes (notice to utility companies).**

The following areas being considered for annexation are comprised of the following:

- SID #195 (Mayfair) — 194 developed single family lots, 1 developed quasi-public lot (church), 7 developed commercial lots, 7 vacant lots. Estimated population is 537.
- Miscellaneous Lots #1 — 1 developed single family lot, 1 outlot. Estimated population is 3.
- I-80 Business Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition — 1 developed industrial lot and 3 undeveloped industrial lots. Estimated population is 0.
- Miscellaneous Lots #2 — 2 undeveloped lots. Estimated population is 0
- Any adjoining street rights-of-way.

ORDINANCE NO. 1191

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (SID NO.195, MAYFAIR, A SUBDIVISION AS SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, LOT 21, MAYFAIR 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, AND OUTLOT "A", MAYFAIR, SUBDIVISIONS AS SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND PORTIONS OF ANY ADJOINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista, in compliance with Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 16-117, have adopted a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of certain land, have approved a plan for the extension of City services to said land, and have complied with the publication, mailing and public hearing requirements required by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista has held a hearing to consider the proposed annexation and plan to provide services, and the Mayor and City Council has obtained the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista to annex the below described land and provide services in accordance with the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista find the below described territory to be contiguous or adjacent to the City of La Vista, Nebraska, and is urban or suburban in character and not agricultural land which is rural in character; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista have determined that sewerage facilities will be sufficient to serve said territory and said territory will be serviced by the water utility franchised by the City and that the City is in a position to extend police and fire protection and other municipal services to said below-described territory, so that the inhabitants of said territory shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of the City of La Vista, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1.

A. The foregoing recitals shall be incorporated into this ordinance by reference and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.

B. The following described territory situated in Sarpy County, Nebraska to-wit:

LOTS 3 THRU 47, INCLUSIVE, AND LOTS 98 THRU 104, INCLUSIVE, MAYFAIR;

TOGETHER WITH OUTLOT "A", MAYFAIR;

TOGETHER WITH LOTS 106 THRU 133, INCLUSIVE, MAYFAIR REPLAT ONE;

TOGETHER WITH LOTS 1 THRU 20, INCLUSIVE, LOTS 22 THRU 115, INCLUSIVE, AND LOT 118, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION;

TOGETHER WITH LOT 21, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION;

TOGETHER WITH LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4A AND 11A, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT ONE;

TOGETHER WITH LOT 9A, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT TWO;

TOGETHER WITH LOT 2, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT THREE;

TOGETHER WITH LOT 1, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT FOUR;

TOGETHER WITH LOTS 1 AND 2, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT FIVE;

TOGETHER WITH LOTS 1 AND 2, MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION REPLAT SIX;

ALL SUBDIVISIONS IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA;  
TOGETHER WITH ALL PUBLIC STREETS LYING WITHIN SAID SUBDIVISIONS, THE OUTER BOUNDARY OF THE AFORE DESCRIBED PROPERTY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NE CORNER OF LOT 133 SAID MAYFAIR REPLAT ONE;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 133;  
THENCE EASTERLY ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 133 TO THE WEST LINE OF 96TH STREET;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY ON THE WEST LINE OF 96TH STREET TO THE NORTH LINE OF GILES ROAD;  
THENCE WESTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF GILES ROAD TO THE SW CORNER OF LOT 61, SAID  
MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION;  
THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE WEST LINES OF LOTS 61, 62, 63 AND 65 THRU 76, INCLUSIVE, SAID  
MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT 76;  
THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINES OF LOT 76 AND 90 THRU 102, INCLUSIVE, SAID  
MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION TO THE SW CORNER OF LOT 108 SAID MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION;  
THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE WEST LINES OF LOTS 108 AND 109, SAID MAYFAIR 2ND ADDITION  
AND ON THE WEST LINES OF LOTS 98, 11, 12, 13 AND 15 THRU 21, INCLUSIVE, SAID MAYFAIR, TO  
THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT 11;  
THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINES OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 3 THRU 8, INCLUSIVE, SAID  
MAYFAIR TO THE NE CORNER OF SAID LOT 3;  
THENCE CONTINUING EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 106, SAID MAYFAIR REPLAT 1, TO  
THE NE CORNER THEREOF, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MELISSA  
STREET;  
THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF MELISSA STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF 96TH  
STREET;  
THENCE SOUTHERLY ON THE WEST LINE OF 96TH STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF MELISSA  
STREET;  
THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF MELISSA STREET TO THE NE CORNER OF LOT 133,  
SAID MAYFAIR REPLAT ONE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

be and the same hereby is, annexed to and included within the corporate limits of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska, and that the inhabitants thereof shall, from and after the effective date of this ordinance, be subject to the ordinances and regulations of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

**SECTION 2.** That the inhabitants of the above-described territory annexed to the City shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of such City as soon as practicable, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 16-120 and the Plan to Extend Services to SID No.195, Mayfair, Lot 21, Mayfair 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Outlot "A", Mayfair, and adjoining street rights-of-way, which Plan, as amended and submitted to the City Council, is hereby ratified, affirmed and approved. Adequate plans and necessary City Council action to furnish such services shall be adopted not later than one year after the date of annexation.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 31, 2013 after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1192

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (LOTS 1 AND 2, I-80 INDUSTRIAL PARK 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TAX LOTS 17 AND 18, LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6TH P.M., SAID SARPY COUNTY; AND PORTIONS OF ANY ADJOINING STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista, in compliance with Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 16-117, have adopted a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of certain land, have approved a plan for the extension of City services to said land, and have complied with the publication, mailing and public hearing requirements required by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista has held a hearing to consider the proposed annexation and plan to provide services, and the Mayor and City Council has obtained the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista to annex the below described land and provide services in accordance with the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista find the below described territory to be contiguous or adjacent to the City of La Vista, Nebraska, and is urban or suburban in character and not agricultural land which is rural in character; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista have determined that sewerage facilities will be sufficient to serve said territory and said territory will be serviced by the water utility franchised by the City and that the City is in a position to extend police and fire protection and other municipal services to said below-described territory, so that the inhabitants of said territory shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of the City of La Vista, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1.

- A. The foregoing recitals shall be incorporated into this ordinance by reference and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.
- B. The following described territory situated in Sarpy County, Nebraska to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2, I-80 INDUSTRIAL PARK 2ND ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

TOGETHER WITH TAX LOTS 17 AND 18, LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6TH P.M., SAID SARPY COUNTY;

TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6TH P.M., SAID SARPY COUNTY;

TOGETHER WITH THE PUBLIC STREETS LYING WITHIN THAT PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17 AND WITHIN THAT PART OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18 DESCRIBED HERAFTER ALL MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17;

THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 TO A POINT DIRECTLY NORTH OF THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TAX LOT 17;

THENCE SOUTH TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID TAX LOT 17;

THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID TAX LOTS 17 AND 18 AND ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HARRISON STREET TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY

CORNER OF SAID TAX LOT 18, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID TAX LOT 18 AND ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18;

THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

be and the same hereby is, annexed to and included within the corporate limits of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska, and that the inhabitants thereof shall, from and after the effective date of this ordinance, be subject to the ordinances and regulations of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

**SECTION 2.** That the inhabitants of the above-described territory annexed to the City shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of such City as soon as practicable, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 16-120 and the Plan to Extend Services to Lots 1 and 2, I-80 Industrial Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Tax Lots 17 and 18, in the NW 1/4 of Section 17, T14N, R12E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, and Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T14N, R12E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, which Plan, as amended and submitted to the City Council, is hereby ratified, affirmed and approved. Adequate plans and necessary City Council action to furnish such services shall be adopted not later than one year after the date of annexation.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 31, 2013 after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1193

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA (TAX LOTS 11 AND 15 LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17 AND PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FORMER UPRR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E AND THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO INHABITANTS OF TERRITORY ANNEXED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista, in compliance with Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 16-117, have adopted a resolution stating that the City is considering the annexation of certain land, have approved a plan for the extension of City services to said land, and have complied with the publication, mailing and public hearing requirements required by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista has held a hearing to consider the proposed annexation and plan to provide services, and the Mayor and City Council has obtained the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the City of La Vista to annex the below described land and provide services in accordance with the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista find the below described territory to be contiguous or adjacent to the City of La Vista, Nebraska, and is urban or suburban in character and not agricultural land which is rural in character; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista have determined that sewerage facilities will be sufficient to serve said territory and said territory will be serviced by the water utility franchised by the City and that the City is in a position to extend police and fire protection and other municipal services to said below-described territory, so that the inhabitants of said territory shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of the City of La Vista, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1.

- A. The foregoing recitals shall be incorporated into this ordinance by reference and are hereby ratified, affirmed and approved.
- B. The following described territory situated in Sarpy County, Nebraska to-wit:

TAX LOTS 11 AND 15 LYING WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17 AND PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF 18, T14N, R12E OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., SAID SARPY COUNTY, ALL MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18;

THENCE WESTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18 TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17;

THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17 AND ON THE SOUTH LINES OF SAID TAX LOTS 15 AND 11 TO THE SW CORNER OF SAID TAX LOT 11, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF SOUTHPORT PARKWAY;

THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID TAX LOT 11 AND ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SOUTHPORT PARKWAY AND THE SOUTH LINE OF HARRISON STREET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID TAX LOT 11, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE FORMER UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18;

THENCE EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

be and the same hereby is, annexed to and included within the corporate limits of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska, and that the inhabitants thereof shall, from and after the effective date of this ordinance, be subject to the ordinances and regulations of the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska.

SECTION 2. That the inhabitants of the above-described territory annexed to the City shall receive substantially the services of other inhabitants of such City as soon as practicable, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 16-120 and the Plan to Extend Services to Tax Lots 11 and 15, in the NW 1/4 of Section 17, T14N, R12E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, together with Part of the NW 1/4 of Section 17 and Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T14N, R12E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska, (former UPRR right-of-way), which Plan, as amended and submitted to the City Council, is hereby ratified, affirmed and approved. Adequate plans and necessary City Council action to furnish such services shall be adopted not later than one year after the date of annexation.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 31, 2013 after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JUNE 18, 2013 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
ADOPTION — CIVIC CENTER PARK MASTER PLAN	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	ANN BIRCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

#### **SYNOPSIS**

A public hearing has been scheduled and a resolution has been prepared to adopt the *La Vista Civic Center Park Master Plan* as prepared by RDG Planning & Design, as an amendment to the La Vista Park & Recreation Master Plan.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Adoption of the plan does not commit funding. Projected costs for implementing the plan range from \$600,000 - \$7.5 M per phase. The “Planned Phases” total \$14.8 M; “Future Phases” are estimated at \$26.8. Total project cost is \$42 M. See Chapter 3, Cost & Phasing, of the Civic Center Park Master Plan for more details.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2010, the City Council adopted *A Vision Plan for 84<sup>th</sup> Street* which included an extensive public process resulting in a master plan which identifies that the vision for 84<sup>th</sup> Street is the creation of a downtown for the community. One of the goals of the vision is to realize the full potential of the Thompson Creek basin as an identifiable gateway to La Vista. The plan proposes the transformation of the golf course into La Vista Civic Center Park which becomes the centerpiece of the redevelopment of 84<sup>th</sup> Street, and serves as the key incentive and amenity for future development along the corridor.

#### Plan Concept Overview:

- Civic Center Park is a 56-acre site which, because of its size and location, allows for the development of an array of programming elements and diverse activities; a place to visit time after time. It will act as the front lawn and image-making space for La Vista.
- The park is designed to accomplish several goals – creating a sense of nature, improving connections to the surrounding community, increasing the size of the existing lakes and adding habitats and activities on the water, and creating a park that incorporates La Vista Daze and adds new activities.
- The recommended improvements identified in the plan are anticipated to be implemented over time. Some recommendations require more detailed planning and design which would extend their

implementation. Projects that require less planning and design and can be done with limited funds may be completed earlier.

- Higher priorities are assigned to those recommendations that are more responsive to the goals of the plan. Projects related to stream restoration have a higher priority. Additionally, those projects that improve park accessibility and generate increased revenues are considered a higher priority.
- The overall mission of this process was to develop a master plan that built on the principles of creating a space that is ecologically sensitive and treats natural systems as assets, while creating a destination that would attract investment to adjacent areas. The realization of Civic Center Park can be an essential catalyst to transforming the image of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street corridor.

On May 17, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution No. 11-048 authorizing the advertisement for bids for the preparation of the Civic Center Park Master Plan. On August 2, 2011, the City Council approved Resolution No. 11-089 authorizing the selection of RDG Planning & Design as the consultant to prepare the plan.

On August 26, 2011, the project start-up meeting and tour of the study area were held. Since that time, the project included stakeholder meetings, working group meetings, community workshops, City Council workshops, and a joint workshop meeting of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission and City Council at which a final draft of the plan was presented.

On May 15, 2013, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board held a public hearing on the final plan and made a recommendation for approval. On May 16, 2013, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the plan and also recommended approval.

Note: On page 30 of the bound document, the amphitheater is listed as having a general capacity of 200-300 people. This narrative has been updated (see attached) to identify this as the general capacity of the limestone benches which are built into the hillside; the open adjacent lawn area for grass seating has an additional capacity of approximately 3,000 people.

Staff recommends adoption of the plan with the amendment to the narrative regarding the amphitheater seating.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA,  
NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE LA VISTA CIVIC CENTER PARK MASTER PLAN AS AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE LA VISTA PARK & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to adopt the La Vista Civic Center Park Master Plan as an amendment to the La Vista Park & Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City Council adopted A Vision Plan for 84<sup>th</sup> Street which proposes the transformation of the golf course into the La Vista Civic Center Park; and

WHEREAS, the La Vista Civic Center Park would become the centerpiece of the redevelopment of 84<sup>th</sup> Street serving as the key incentive and amenity for future development along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2011 the City Council authorized the selection of RDG Planning & Design as the consultant to prepare the plan; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2011 the project began with a start-up meeting and tour followed by stakeholder meetings, working group meetings, community workshops, City Council workshops, and a joint meeting of the City Council, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013 the Park & Recreation Advisory Board held a public hearing on the final plan and recommended approval of the plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2013 the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the final plan and recommended approval of the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby adopt the La Vista Civic Center Park Master Plan as an amendment to the La Vista Park & Recreation Master Plan

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

**CITY OF LA VISTA**

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**Douglas Kindig, Mayor**

ATTEST:

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**Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk**

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### AMPHITHEATER

Performances at Civic Center Park may occur in an amphitheater designed primarily for small musical concerts, movie nights, or small performances. The amphitheater has limestone benches which are built into the hillside allowing for tiered seating near the stage. This fixed seating area is sized to accommodate 200-300 people. Accessible seating will be provided in the first row for easy access and optimum interaction with the performance. The adjacent lawn behind the seats can accommodate an additional 3,000 people. At a maximum capacity of 3,300, this amphitheater would be one of the largest dedicated amphitheaters in the Omaha metropolitan area.



The stage will be within the ten-year flood zone and will be designed to withstand semi-frequent flood events. The amphitheater stage will allow for easy hook-ups to sound and electrical service. Grading for the amphitheater will be in a concave bowl shape, with the direction of the audience facing the lake and bridge.





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## 01 Introduction & Summary of Process

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### PROCESS

Every urban park space has its own unique character and challenges. This is especially true for the La Vista Civic Center Park. In 2010, the Vision 84 Plan established an image of a revitalized 84th Street corridor. A key part of this vision was the redevelopment of the La Vista Falls Golf Course into a community park that would benefit all La Vista residents and draw visitors from across the metro area. The repurposing of a community space this large must identify and balance establishing a distinct character with providing the amenities desired by residents. At the same time, a strong relationship between a great park and surrounding investment must also be established, especially in these challenging economic times.





The mission of this process was to develop a master plan for the La Vista Civic Center Park that builds on community principles to create a space that is ecologically sensitive and treats natural systems as assets, while creating a community destination that attracts investment to adjacent areas. The birth of the Civic Center Park can be an essential catalyst in transforming the image of the 84th Street corridor.

The creation of this type of space must come from the vision of stakeholders and users. To achieve this, the design process included:

- A Site Tour: The design team, city staff, and representatives from NDEQ and PMRNRD toured the entire golf course and City Park. During the tour issues and opportunities were discussed and the study area was documented.
- A Working Group: A Working Group was established that represented a wide range of stakeholders, including local residents. Their job was to guide the design process and provide direction on alternatives. The Working Group met three times:

**Meeting 1:** Group members were guided through a visual listening exercise to identify preferred characteristics of the future park.

**Meeting 2:** A workshop was held in which group members worked in teams to identify physical attributes of the park based on results of the visual listening

exercise conducted with both the Working Group and community at large.

**Meeting 3:** Following the first Community Meeting and initial Working Group meetings the design team developed four alternative scenarios for the park design. The Working Group reviewed these concepts to identify preferred alternatives.



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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Two community meetings were held during the process. At the first meeting residents were asked to share their favorite park or open space and were invited to participate in a visual listening exercise. This exercise was very important in the development of alternative scenarios for the park.

The following ranked strongly among participants:

- Illuminated pathways
- Interactive water
- Amphitheater with flexible seating
- Large open lawn

Community members were not as supportive of:

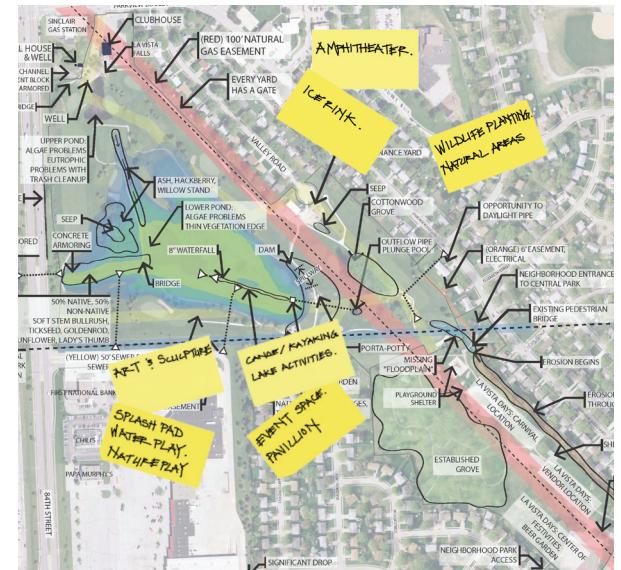
- Large modern iconic art
- Large open air pavilion
- A broad natural edge to the lake
- Chipping green



At the second Community Meeting, two alternatives were presented to residents. A portion of the meeting was given to the residents to review and comment on the concepts and share those thoughts with all attendees. The meeting was well attended with over 60 community members. Overall, community members were supportive of the concepts.

## Council Workshop

In March 2012 the Council reviewed the preferred alternative that had developed out of the Community and Working Group meetings.





Park Pavilion: large, holds 200–300 people (4–6 rooms, one huge space, full kitchen)



Seasonal ice rink



Naturalized areas



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## SITE OVERVIEW & ANALYSIS

The existing site for the Civic Center Park offered a number of challenges and opportunities. The design team created and used the site analysis diagram to the right to help catalog and evaluate the positives and negatives across the site.

The most significant and influential site constraints are the various easements and utilities that crisscross the site. In the analysis map to the right, these easements are identified by red, yellow, orange, and blue shaded lines.

The red line, running northwest to southeast, is a 100' wide petroleum pipeline easement. This easement demands minimal grade changes and no large root masses (trees and large shrubs) in the red-shaded area. The blue line, running east/west through the center of the site, is a 40' wide easement for an overhead electric line. This easement isn't as stringent as the petroleum line; the overhead line can be direct-buried where needed and some minimal park development can occur underneath the line.



The yellow lines crossing the site are the rough location of a sanitary sewer easement. This easement too can be altered if necessary; the sewer line can be re-routed to miss or connect to newly constructed amenities. The small orange line, which parallels Park View Boulevard near Flagpole Park, is a small 6' electrical easement. This too is easily altered.

The other primary constraint on the site is the dam and its subsequent flooding rates. The yellow to blue shapes in the center of the site represent flood levels depending on the rain event severity. The interior yellow shape shows the limits of a typical two-year storm. The outside of the darkest blue shows the limits of a 100-year storm with the spillways of the dam clogged or otherwise closed. These limits informed the design team of the current flood levels and the ideal elevation of proposed park structures.

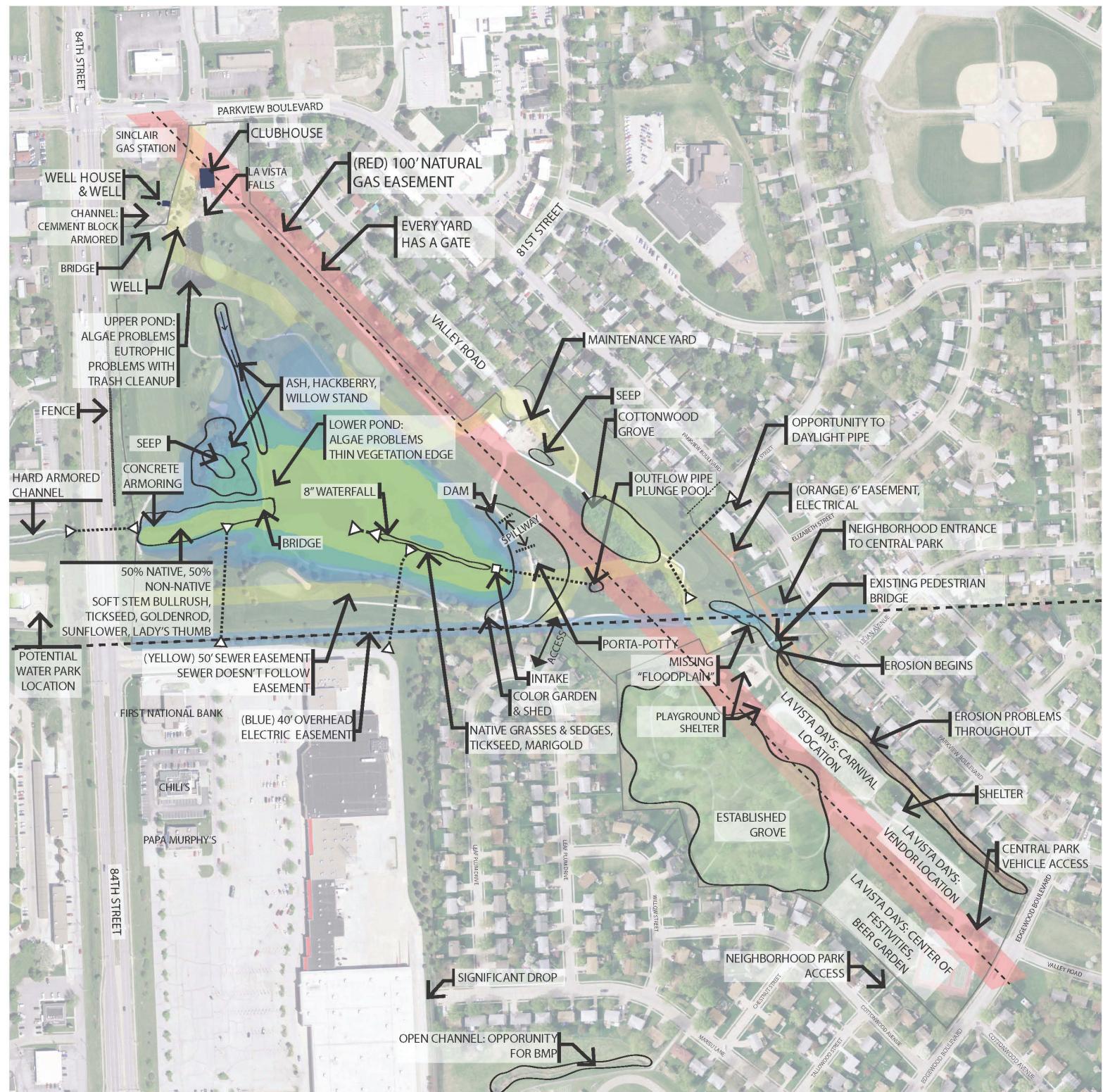
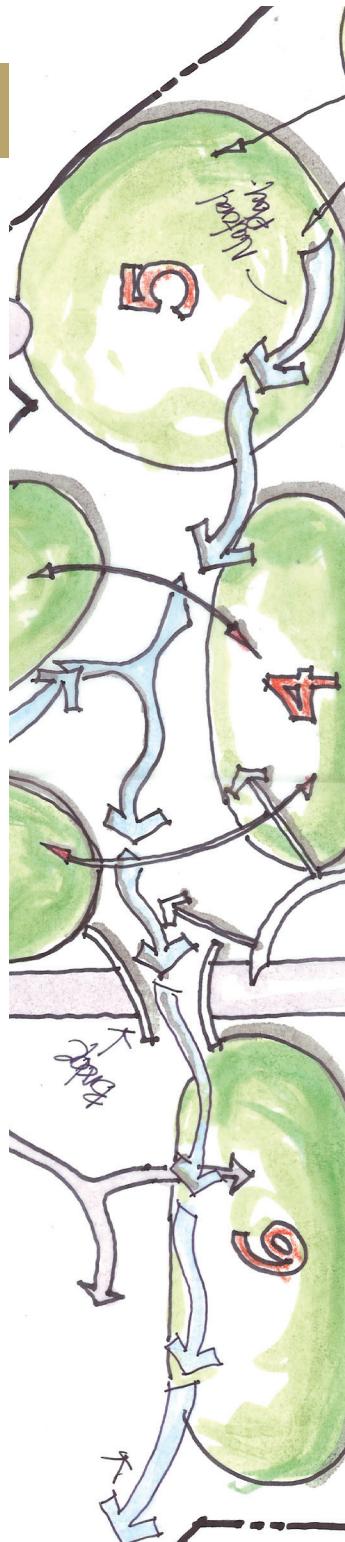
Environmentally, the existing golf course has small pockets of ecological interest. The drainage channel running east of 84th Street toward the larger lake contained the most species diversity on the site. Similarly, the seep just north of that drainageway contains a fine variety of native wetland plants and trees. In Central Park, the existing woodland on the southwest slope offers a number of mature and healthy trees, perfect for a shady picnic in the park.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the two ponds on the site had visibly poor water quality due to the thin vegetative edge, predominance of turf around their perimeter, and lack of upstream water treatment systems. Similarly, the stream – especially south of Flagpole Park – is environmentally precarious and continuing to get worse. Lack of flood space

and increased impervious pavements in the watershed have caused very large quantities and high velocities of water in even the smallest of rain events. This has caused Thompson Creek to have significant erosion problems, including several areas where the stream ravine is ten to fifteen feet deep.

However, the existing site offers space to turn those site negatives into positives. The design team built upon the analysis diagram and came up with several concepts to address the problem areas while highlighting the sites unique features.





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### NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT:

As part of the comprehensive approach to the master plan design process, Applied Ecological Services (AES) took a detailed look at the existing natural resource data of the park area and developed a Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment. This document, which can be found in the Appendix of this report, summarizes existing natural resource data, conveys AES' field findings, and provides preliminary recommendations for environmentally sensitive park development.

In short, the proposed Civic Center Park site sits within an ecologically diverse region. The site is primarily made up of wind-blown loess soil, which is fertile and has moderately high drainage rates. There are a number of clay-rich soils around the site as well, which lead to the creation of seeps and small wet depressions. Historically, the golf course site was most likely covered in tallgrass prairie and savanna, with forested areas sporadically occurring along the creek.

Thompson Creek flows through the proposed park site and consistently feeds the larger of the two ponds in the golf course. Both ponds have manicured edges, which limits the quantity and quality of runoff treatment, especially compared to natural edge ponds. Algae was abundant in both ponds, which is a symptom of high nutrient loads coming from the surrounding neighborhoods. Similarly, floating trash was evident, denoting the connection between the ponds and the nearby city streets.

The flood control structure in the golf course controls and slows the quantity of water that enters Central Park. To control that flow, the water quantity behind the flood control structure regularly fluctuates several feet in height, even in small rain events. This is primarily due to the prevalence of impervious surfaces in the surrounding watershed.



The predominant vegetation on site is turf grass. Turf sheds water quickly, especially compared to deep-rooted native vegetation, which tends to cause rapid water rise in water bodies and targeted areas of erosion where flow paths converge. Along Thompson Creek are riparian corridors, which are stable primarily due to man-made stream armoring. However, they are not as biologically diverse as would be considered ideal.

To improve the environmental health of the Thompson Creek watershed, AES recommends installing sustainable stormwater management practices both in the developed park and the surrounding neighborhoods within the

watershed. Limiting the water quantity and improving the water quality that comes off the community's rooftops and driveways will vastly increase the health of the park's water bodies and will decrease erosion rates. AES also recommends installing customized stormwater treatment trains which will treat the water that cannot be infiltrated in the surrounding community. These constructed natural systems will reduce nutrient loads, increase water infiltration, and increase biodiversity within the park.

Finally, AES recommends stabilizing and restoring the banks of Thompson Creek. If left unchecked, the stream will continue to erode further into the banks which will cause bank failures and an even larger safety risk. Instead, the stream should be re-engineered with gently sloping banks filled with native plants which will hold the soil in place. The stream would also be designed to meander back and forth, similar to how streams naturally form. This will help slow the water down as it passes through the channel and provide ideal habitats for a wide range of plants and animals.

For more information regarding AES' Natural Resource Inventory & Assessment, please see the appendix of this document.



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## URBAN LAYOUT CONCEPT

The Urban Layout concept focuses on creating a urban park for the citizens of La Vista. The focus is on multiple programmed spaces that have a high connectivity to the surrounding neighborhoods and high visibility from 84th Street.

On the north end of the site are two formal walkways – each with parallel sidewalks containing formal gardens. With a celebratory entrance at the corner of 84th Street and Park View Boulevard, park visitors are instantly treated with an iconic view of the park. Where these two walkways meet is one of two iconic towers in the park.

Between the walkways is a new rental Pavilion with a two-story view of the park on the south side. Surrounded by formal gardens, this 200-300 person pavilion is ideal for weddings, celebrations, and community gatherings. South of the Pavilion is an ellipse-shaped formal lawn.

The lake in this concept has a highly irregular edge, intended to provide numerous smaller lake edge spaces. The center of the lake includes an iconic bridge, which bisects the lake and adds visual interest to the center of the site. On

another peninsula of the lake is a small park shelter, offering lake-side views of the park. Directly to the southeast is a boathouse offering rentals for the lake.

South of the lake is a small amphitheater and a second iconic tower, which connect the lake with the expanded development that enters into the site. With two large office buildings, these provide architectural interest and a dedicated daily source of park patrons which will help activate the park. Between the buildings is a fountain and pool area, which doubles as an ice rink in the winter time.

For the southern development, the Urban Layout proposes a development program focused on a central lawn, which terminates at a new town square space. The rest of the development intentionally fronts 84th Street and pushes parking to the inside and rear of the site. This pedestrian and view-focused development helps highlight the businesses and lets the pedestrian control the flow of traffic, not the vehicles.

Under 84th Street is an underpass, which connects the park with the swimming pool, ball fields, and neighborhoods to the west. This underpass includes a smaller sidewalk and a larger trail, with Thompson Creek in the middle. This unique double-trail layout increases access to the creek and ensures that the underpass is wide and safe.

Valley Road is extended south through the site, offering additional spaces for the La Vista Daze carnival rides and vendors. The road connects with 78th Street at Park View Boulevard, utilizing the existing right-of-way through the residential lots.

Central Park remains primarily the same, leaving the existing spaces for La Vista Daze.

### CONCEPT BENEFITS

Celebratory entrances from 84th Street

Well organized spaces

Numerous iconic features spread sculpture throughout the site

Connection to City Hall

Lake edge

### ELEMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONCEPT

Not enough space dedicated to La Vista Daze

Commercial development in the park reduces park size

Central Park needs more development

Amphitheater too small

Want bigger bridges





1. New fire station
2. Reconfigured parking
3. Ceremonial Entrance
4. Formal Gardens
5. Pavilion
6. Tower / Icon
7. Formal Lawn
8. Nature education
9. Bike trails / La Vista Daze Vendors
10. La Vista Daze Carnival
11. Bridge
12. Shelter
13. Amphitheater
14. Parking
15. Nature Play
16. Native Plantings
17. Ice Rink
18. Existing Playground
19. Mixed Use Development
20. Restored Stream
21. Arboretum
22. Two Trails Under Bridge
23. Celebratory Entrance
24. Existing Tennis Courts
25. New Town Square
26. New Connection to Neighborhood.

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## NATURAL LAYOUT CONCEPT PLAN

The Natural Layout focuses on connecting the people of La Vista with the natural processes, plants, and animals that were once in the area. The organizational feature is a 'Y' shaped trail network which unites the spaces and provides easy and fluid access through the site.

The primary feature is a prominent curved rental pavilion located at the north side of the site. Parking and primary access is located north of the two story building. Both stories are able to be rented and offer full views of the park. On the south side of the building is a large formal garden.

On the north edge of the lake is an amphitheater space that is designed for numerous uses. This amphitheater doesn't have formal seating of any sort, just a gently sloped lawn perfect for picnic blankets and lawn chairs. Nearby is a small boat rental facility.

On the east side of the lake is another open lawn. The dam is covered in native prairie grasses, which add low-maintenance beauty and ecological benefits to the site. On top of the dam, the main trail splits, going east and west.

To the west is a new development building inserted into the park. By adding the building to the park, it provides a prominent space which would be highly desirable to potential developers. On the north side of this building is a wooden boardwalk, which provides ample views to the lake and surrounding parklands. On either side of the new development are naturalistic trails which zig-zag down the slope, providing ADA access between the southern development and the lake.

Under 84th Street is an underpass, which connects the park with the swimming pool, ball fields, and neighborhoods to the west. This underpass includes a single sidewalk which parallels Thompson Creek as it tumbles down the slope toward the park.

For La Vista Daze, a new open lawn has been created at the end of Valley Road for carnival rides to be brought to the site. For vendors, the new trail going through Central Park is designed to be lined with tents for the event. The parallel roadway provides alternate access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

In Central Park, a new vehicular access road crosses the site and connects to Park View Boulevard through Flagpole Park.

This will add multiple access points to Central Park, greatly increasing permeability and access to the park.

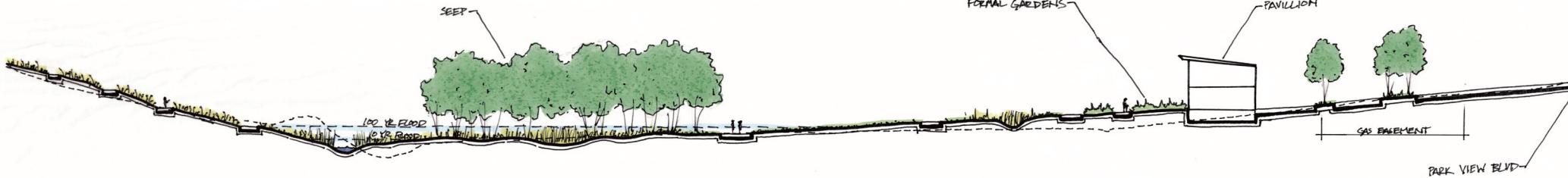
The new widened trail crosses the expanded Thompson Creek in numerous spots to keep the public engaged in their watershed systems. A new natural playground is added near Flagpole Park, where stream access is provided for up-close exploration.

### CONCEPT BENEFITS

Centralized and prominent rental pavilion and formal gardens  
Southern boardwalk  
No additional properties are acquired  
Multiple connections to surrounding neighborhoods  
Vehicular connections to Park View Boulevard

### ELEMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONCEPT

Solar direction in the amphitheater  
No desire for development to take up park space  
Smaller lake size  
Acquisition of the Sinclair site  
Concept may be too boring, nothing that will draw you back time and again





1. Connection to City Hall
2. Reconfigured Parking
3. Wide Trail
4. Pavilion w/Green Roof
5. Formal Gardens
6. Amphitheater
7. Boat House & Dock
8. Existing maintenance building
9. La Vista Daze Carnival
10. Open Lawn
11. Water Pools
12. Underpass
13. Water Access
14. Open Water
15. Natural Gardens / Winding Paths
16. New Development Built into Hillside
17. Native Plantings
18. Nature Play
19. Pedestrian / Vehicular Bridge
20. New Road / Parking
21. Arboretum
22. Trail Across Stream
23. Existing Tennis Courts

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## ACTIVE LAYOUT CONCEPT

The Active Layout focuses on highly programmed spaces which are connected by a series of walking trails. The lake ties the various spaces together by a central walking loop which also includes two decorative bridges.

On that loop is the primary rental building: the boathouse. The lower floor houses the boat storage and boat rental facilities. The upper floor is a 200-300 person rental facility designed for weddings, meetings, and community gatherings. To serve this boathouse, the existing maintenance shop is relocated to the east and a new parking lot is provided.

In the southwest corner is a 200-seat amphitheater. The stage for the amphitheater has a minimal backdrop and has electrical hookups for small performances. The seats for the amphitheater are minimal as well – limestone blocks built into the hillside – so seating remains flexible for a wide variety of performances.

The north half of the site includes an enlarged upper pond, which will help clean runoff coming on to the site. A wide ceremonial walkway, with a lake-side belvedere, provides an iconic entrance into the park. A new walkway, heading to the northeast, connects to a reconfigured City Hall complex. This new complex has a focus on pedestrian connectivity to the park.

On the northeast section of the lake are three smaller spaces: a natural play space, formal gardens, and a sculpture garden. The natural play space will focus on native materials and biological processes to entertain and educate kids. The formal gardens have a central focus point near the lake edge, which help organize the space. The sculpture garden includes several art pieces and a water wall feature to help enliven the space.

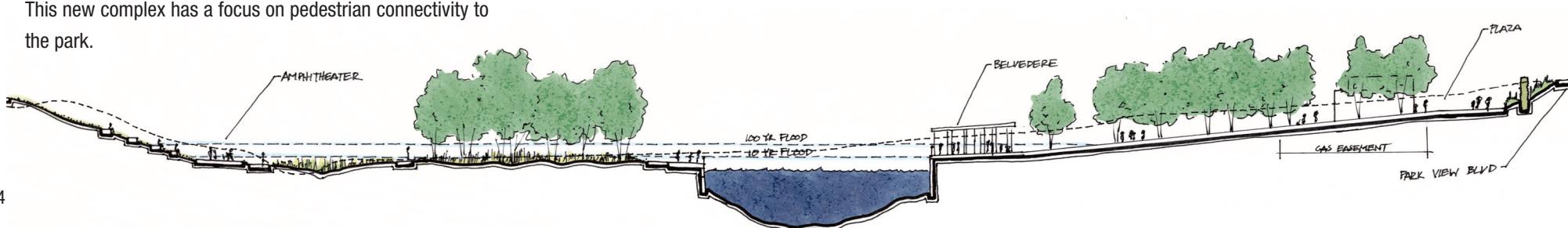
Central Park is reserved as a neighborhood park, with plenty of passive recreation space. The primary new feature is the widened Thompson Creek. Designed with natural meanders, the stream is designed to slow and clean off-site runoff. While the existing tennis courts are kept, the playground is moved and enlarged to provide more play space for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Vehicular access for this layout focuses on new access points into the site. Valley Road is extended through the park and exits at the existing 78th Street intersection. At Flagpole Park, a new vehicular access point is added through Central Park, eliminating the existing single access road into the Park. This will require a vehicular bridge crossing Thompson Creek, but adding two pedestrian lanes to the bridge will make sure that the bridge has numerous uses.

Under 84th Street is an underpass, which connects the park with the swimming pool, ball fields, and neighborhoods to the west. This underpass includes a single sidewalk which parallels Thompson Creek as it tumbles down the slope toward the park.

For La Vista Daze, the center of activities will still be Central Park. However a new vendor loop trail has been specifically added which wraps around Thompson Creek north of the new vehicular bridge. The new parking lot at the end of Valley Road has ample room to house carnival rides. The expanded play spaces in Central Park offer numerous spaces for additional La Vista Daze activities.

The Active concept also provides a conceptual layout of the development space south of Civic Center Park. The focus of this development layout is a central public pedestrian space that houses a long linear canal. This feature unites various different uses and solidly connects the development to the park. Mixed use commercial/residential buildings make up the northeast third of the development site. In the middle are multi-family residential units, and on the south end are office buildings. The existing businesses still reside in the northwest corner of the development, with new pad sites to the south.





### CONCEPT BENEFITS

Highly programmed spaces  
 Connections to City Hall and to southern development  
 Options for parking inside the park  
 Multiple vehicular access points  
 Two bodies of water, rather than one  
 Amphitheater location

### ELEMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONCEPT

Visual connections from 84th Street  
 Handicap access to the rental facility  
 Additional programming in Central Park  
 The need for an ice rink  
 Not enough parking

1. New Fire Station
2. Reconfigured Drive & Parking Plaza
3. New Parking
4. Retain Existing Club House
5. Formal Walk
6. Belvedere
7. Playground
8. Open Lawn
9. Formal Gardens
10. Sculpture Gardens
11. New Park Entrance
12. Nature Education
13. Bridge
14. Boat House Pavilion
15. Concessions
16. Amphitheater
17. Overlook
18. Water Feature / Stairs
19. New Parking
20. La Vista Daze Carnival
21. New Maintenance Building
22. Formal Spill Pool
23. La Vista Daze Vendor Loop
24. New Roundabout
25. Vehicular / Pedestrian Bridge
26. New Playground
27. Shelter
28. Restored Stream
29. Existing Tennis Courts
30. Boardwalk
31. Central Canal

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## OPEN LAYOUT CONCEPT

The Open Layout concept focuses on large passive recreation spaces that will easily accommodate any event. It utilizes numerous formal spaces and walkways to organize the site and provide iconic sight lines.

The north edge of the site utilizes the existing Sinclair Station to expand parking and provide a formal entrance to the park. At the south end of the parking lots are a series of stepped and planted terraces, with a centralized formal shelter making up the slope. A formal pool and water play areas are located just to the south of the shelter.

The central part of the site is focused on a long lake, which has an iconic walkway along its northern edge. To the northwest of the lake is a wetland area, which provides visual interest and wildlife connection, as well as helping clean and treat the runoff entering into the site.

South of the lake is a large plaza, which is also the focal point of a formal amphitheater. The plaza is bisected by Thompson Creek, which is celebrated and highlighted as it crosses the large plaza. The ellipse shaped amphitheater has formal walkways surrounding it, which connect the lower part of the park to the southern development space.

Under 84th Street is an underpass, which connects the park with the swimming pool, ball fields, and neighborhoods to the west. This underpass includes a single sidewalk which parallels Thompson Creek as it tumbles down the slope toward the park.

On either side of the amphitheater are two development buildings, which enter into the site to help blend the boundary of the park with the southern development. The western of these two buildings include a large glass-enclosed elevator tower, which will help with ADA access to the amphitheater space and to help provide an iconic tower to the site.

Vehicular access for the Open Layout includes an extension of Valley Road, which connects with Park View Boulevard through Flagpole Park. This roadway will help provide new access into the park and will house the carnival rides for La Vista Daze. A new parking area will be added across from the relocated and expanded maintenance facility.

A new pedestrian entrance and formal gardens are added in Flagpole Park, marking a new celebratory entrance into both Civic Center Park and Central Park. Behind the gardens are a new natural play area, which provide access to Thompson Creek for education exploration.

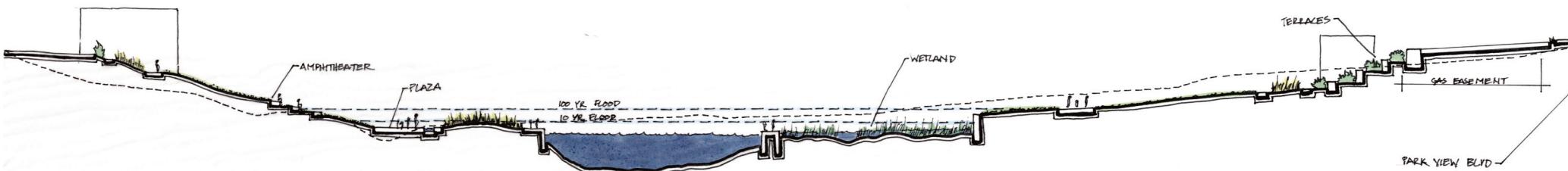
At the southern end of Central Park is a relocated and simplified entrance drive, with a formal cul-de-sac at the end. New parking provides additional space for La Vista Daze.

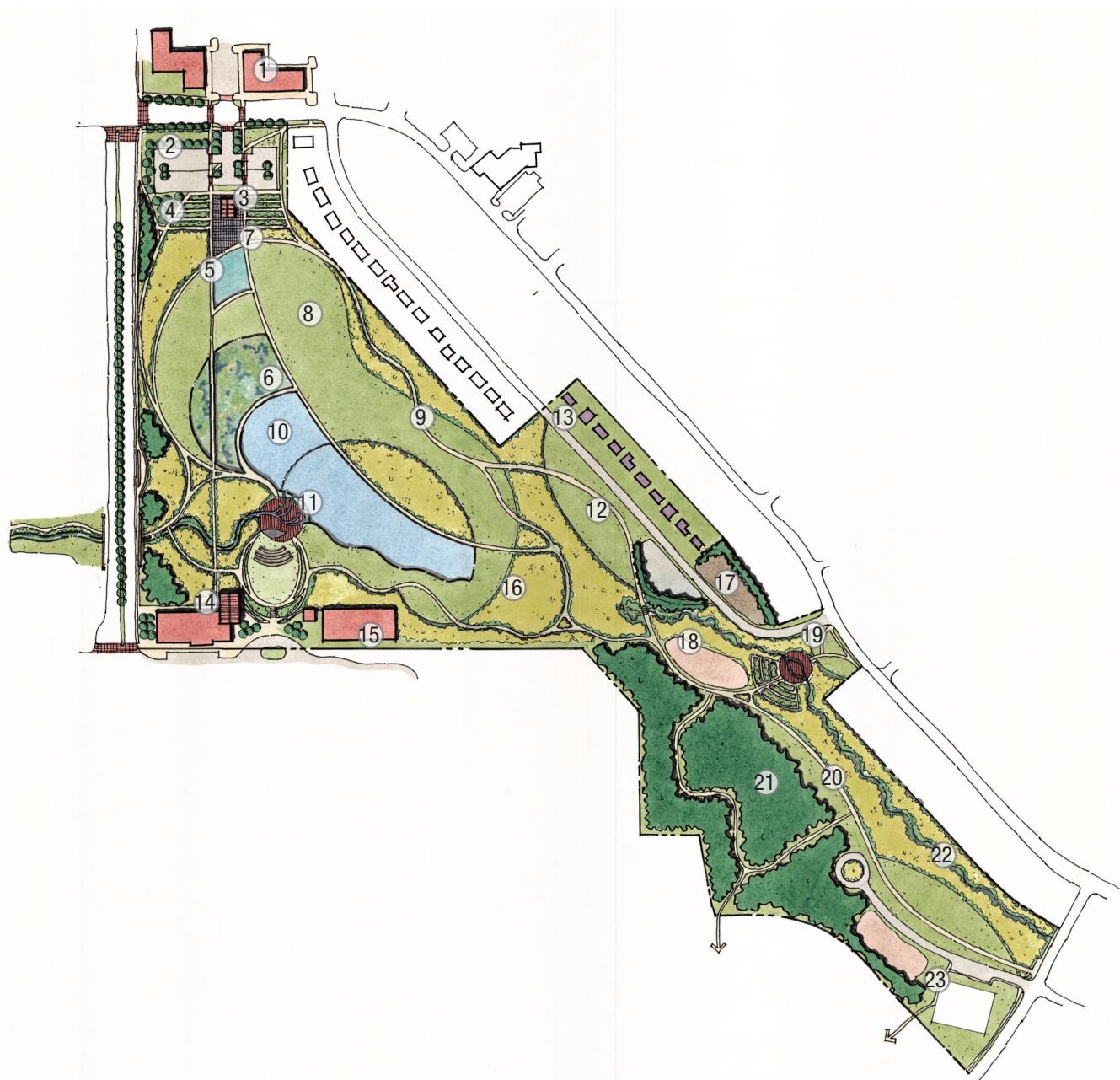
## CONCEPT BENEFITS

- Open plan for passive recreation
- Iconic elements which create a formal park aesthetic
- Easy access to Thompson Creek
- Formal water features
- Numerous walking loops
- Lots of native plantings

## ELEMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN CONCEPT

- Lack of programming may cause ambiguity
- Single-entry vehicular access into Central Park
- Development in the park means less park space
- Small rental pavilion
- No boat rental
- Plaza at base of amphitheater could be distracting
- Not enough parking near amphitheater
- Not enough water





1. New Retail Development
2. Parking
3. Formal Shelter
4. Vegetated Terraces
5. Pool / Ice Skating
6. Formal Wetland
7. Water Play
8. Formal Lawn
9. La Vista Daze Carnival Vendors
10. Open Water
11. Plaza
12. La Vista Daze Carnival
13. Valley Road Extension
14. Tower / Restaurant
15. New Development
16. Native Plantings
17. Maintenance Area
18. Nature Play
19. Formal Entrance Plaza & Gardens
20. Bike Trail
21. Arboretum
22. Restored Stream
23. Existing Tennis Courts



The background of the slide features a dense, abstract pattern of overlapping green leaves in various shades of green, creating a natural and organic feel.

## 02 Park Concept Plan

# Concept Plan

## COMBINED LAYOUT CONCEPT

The combined preferred plan, which was accepted by the Working Group as the Master Plan for the park, combines the four concept plans into one. From the urban concept comes the ceremonial entrances and the formal walkways and gardens. From the Natural Concept the winding walkways, vehicular and pedestrian circulations systems were included. The Active Concept provides the well defined programing and lake shape. Finally the Open Concept provides the planting and open space relationships.

When combined the conceptual plans created in concert several new items: A new formal pool with stepping stones, fountains in front of the Pavilion, new pedestrian relationship with City Hall, and new entrance icons at every park entry.

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS - CONCEPT OVERVIEW

La Vista Civic Center Park sits on a 56 acre site adjacent to 84th street and connects with existing Central City Park. The development of an array of programming elements for Civic Center Park will enhance not only the identity of the park, but also become an iconic park for the community of La Vista and surrounding cities. Civic Center Park will become an excellent place to visit time after time.

The opportunity for a diverse range of activities within this park is feasible due to the size of the park and its proximity to community resources. This park will act as the front lawn and image-making space for the City of La Vista. The connections from the redeveloped commercial center to the park are critical and diversify the amenities in the surrounding area. La Vista is able to create a park that will enhance the natural resources within the park, improve water quality and habitat, as well as provide additional event spaces for La Vista Daze and other private and community functions. The programming of this park will promote a diversity of compatible uses and will be accomplished by the following goals:

1. Creating a sense of nature. Develop a space with amenities that allow residents to interact, educate, and grow through nature.
2. Improve the relationship of each area of the park to the surrounding community.
3. Create new habitats with the existing lakes and provide opportunities for additional activities on the water.
4. Create a park that will incorporate the La Vista Daze activities and create opportunities for additional activities in Civic Center Park.

La Vista is embracing local events and destinations and this park would provide many types of spaces to meet the needs of current and future residents. The park will be a showpiece to the community, with both traditional and contemporary park elements, various types of trails, water activities, formal gardens, event spaces, community pavilion, natural play and much more. Areas of the lake edge will be transformed to a natural oasis for both learning and habitat development. The park will be beautiful and scenic, and provide opportunities for both activities and reflection.



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March 13, 2012



SCALE: 1" = 100'

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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### CEREMONIAL ENTRANCE

A ceremonial entrance will create a focal point from 84th Street and Park View boulevard. The iconic marker, sculpture or fountain will draw new and repeat users into civic Center Park. The entrance will be defined by an iconic focal point with height and timeless materials. The area will be defined by concrete pavers and contain site furniture consistent with the park and new plantings.

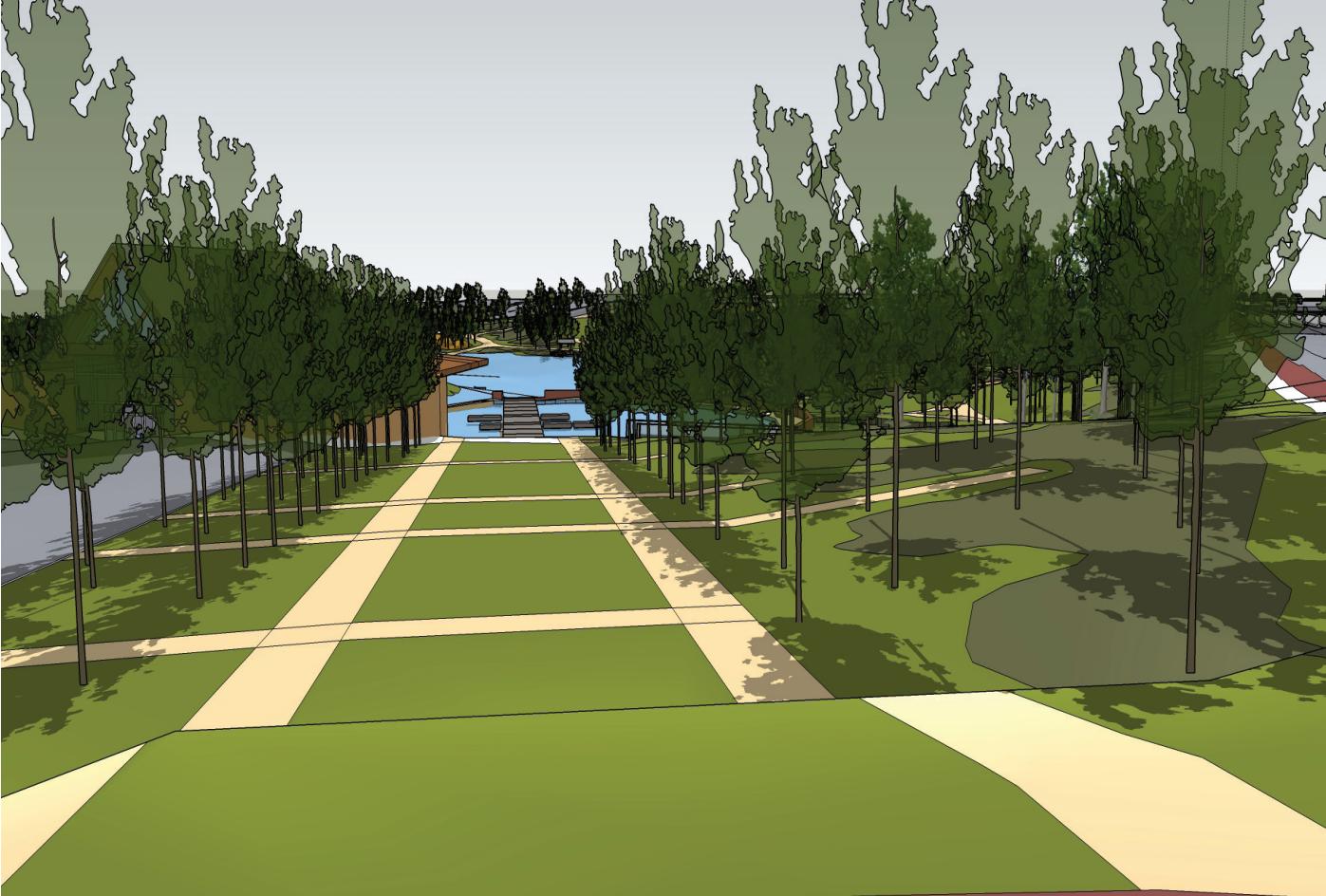
### FORMAL WALKS AND GARDENS

Stemming from the new ceremonial entrance plaza will be an expansive formal garden area with 10' walks, allee of trees, specimen plantings and 20' wide open lawn between formal garden plantings. Memorials or sculptures may adorn these areas showing off the traditional garden features. Gardens will be irrigated to reduce maintenance costs and keep the garden spaces in pristine condition.

### PARKING

An expanded parking lot is added to provide on-site parking for the park and Pavilion. For large events, additional parking provided across the street in the City Hall lots.





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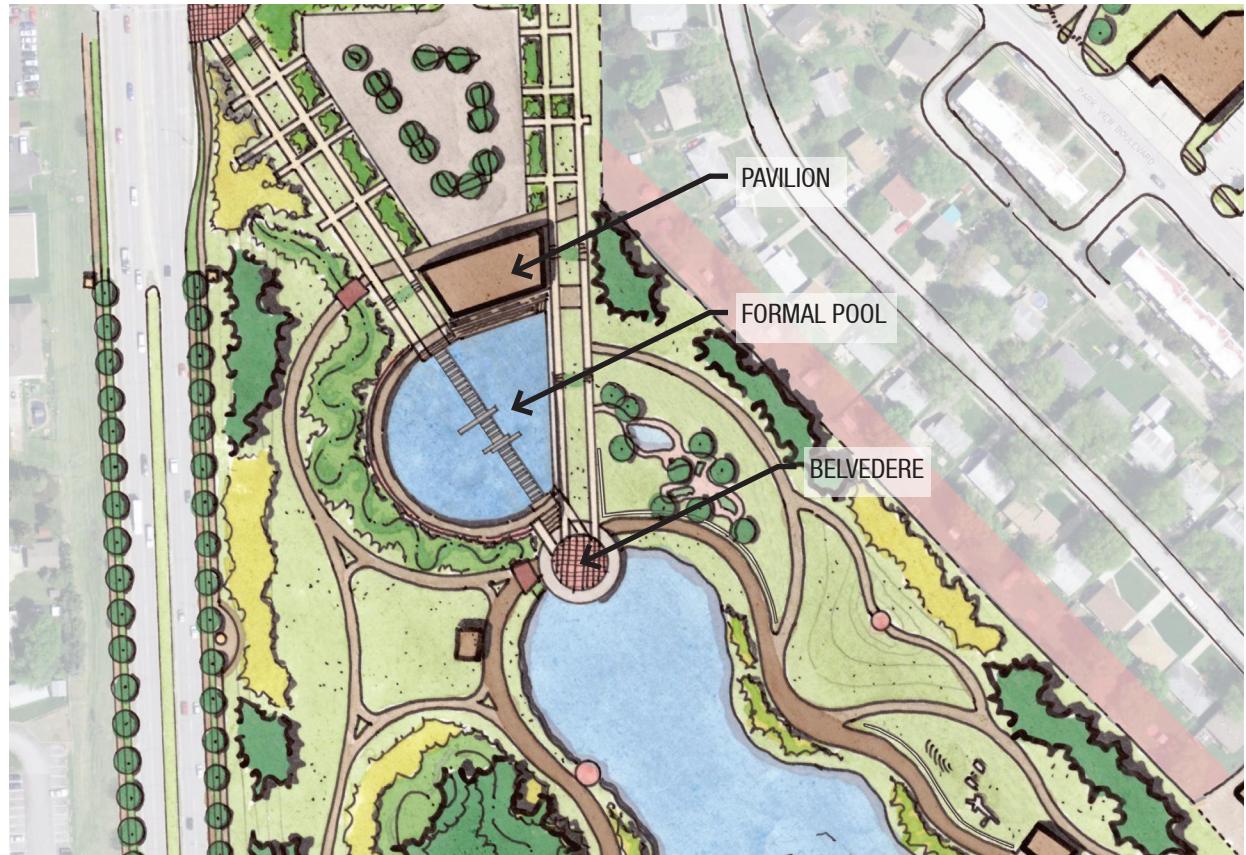
## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### PAVILION

The new Pavilion will be a multi-level building with 15' ceilings and 6,400 SF per floor. The 12,800 SF building will have space available for a 250-300 person seated event, reception, conference, or City activity. A variety of rental spaces will be available to accommodate multiple groups, with the option for a balcony to overlook the formal pool. The Pavilion will house a full kitchen and restrooms to cater large or small events and a walk-out basement leads to a terrace adjacent to the formal pool. The Pavilion will have a rugged yet contemporary architectural style and showcase limestone, timber framing, clean lines and large open spaces, functional for many uses. This space will be an anchor to Civic Center Park and an opportunity for rental use.

### FORMAL POOL

A formal pool defines the area just to the south of the new Pavilion. This pool is man-made and 1-2' in depth. The change in grade on site demands the pool be inset into the landscape creating an opportunity for a large curving wall showcasing the pool's circular edge and creates opportunities for a multi-level water experience. The walls will be constructed out of decorative cast-in-place concrete or stone with corten wrapping the exterior of the walls creating a dramatic display of water cascading over the edge of the pool and up-lit in the evening. The pool will feature large "floating" stepping stones and a dynamic "moving" fountain. An eight-foot-wide walk encompasses the pool and leads to the lower level lake and park trails.



### BELVEDERE

The large circular landing that connects the formal pool to the lake will create a central focal point in the park. The placement of a large sculpture or art piece park users can interact with will create the impact needed in this space. The belvedere's minimal contemporary railing will fade into the landscape.





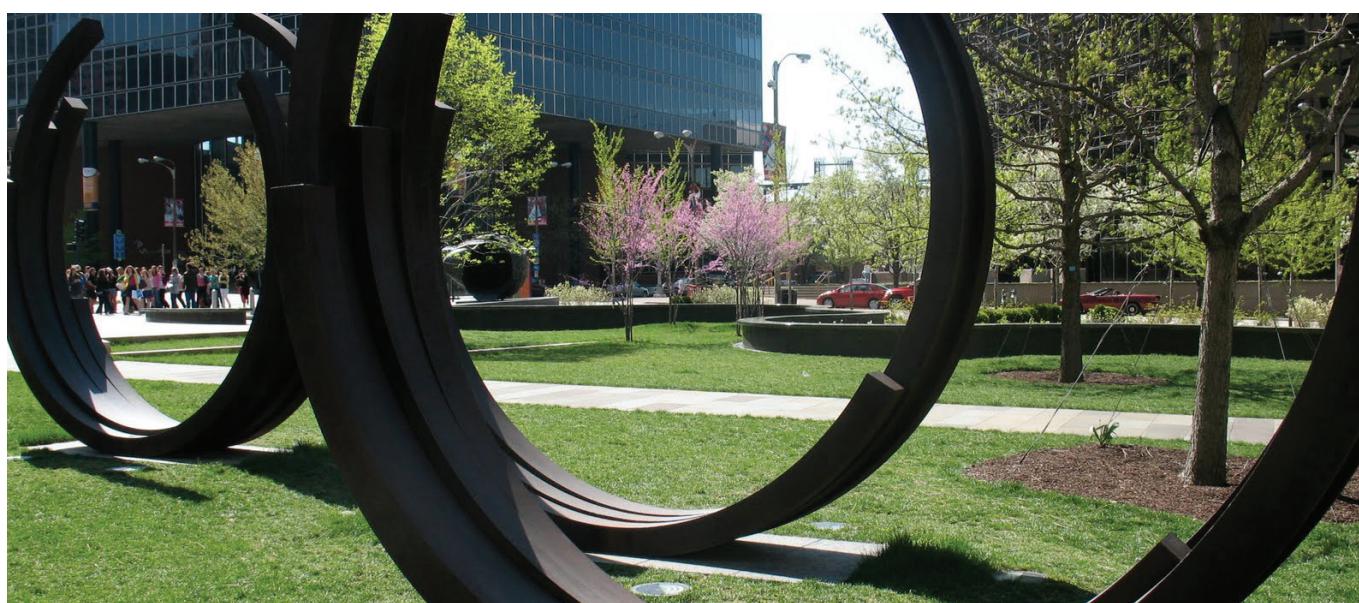
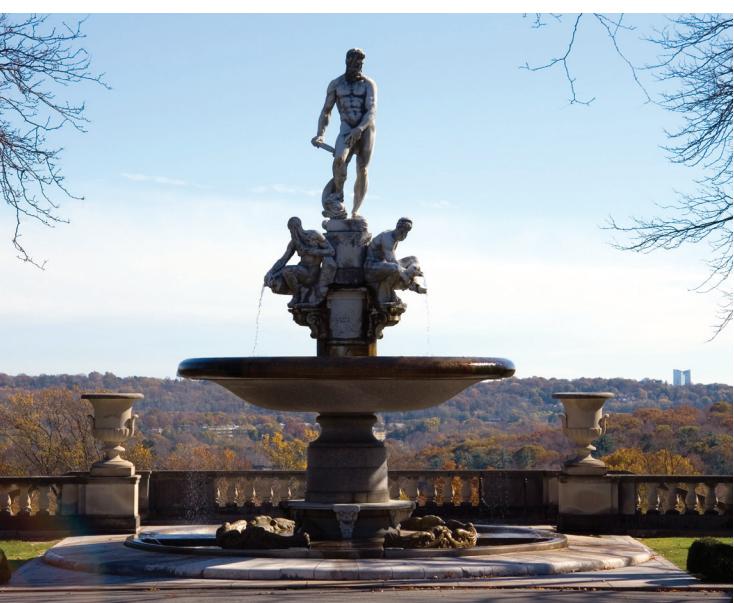


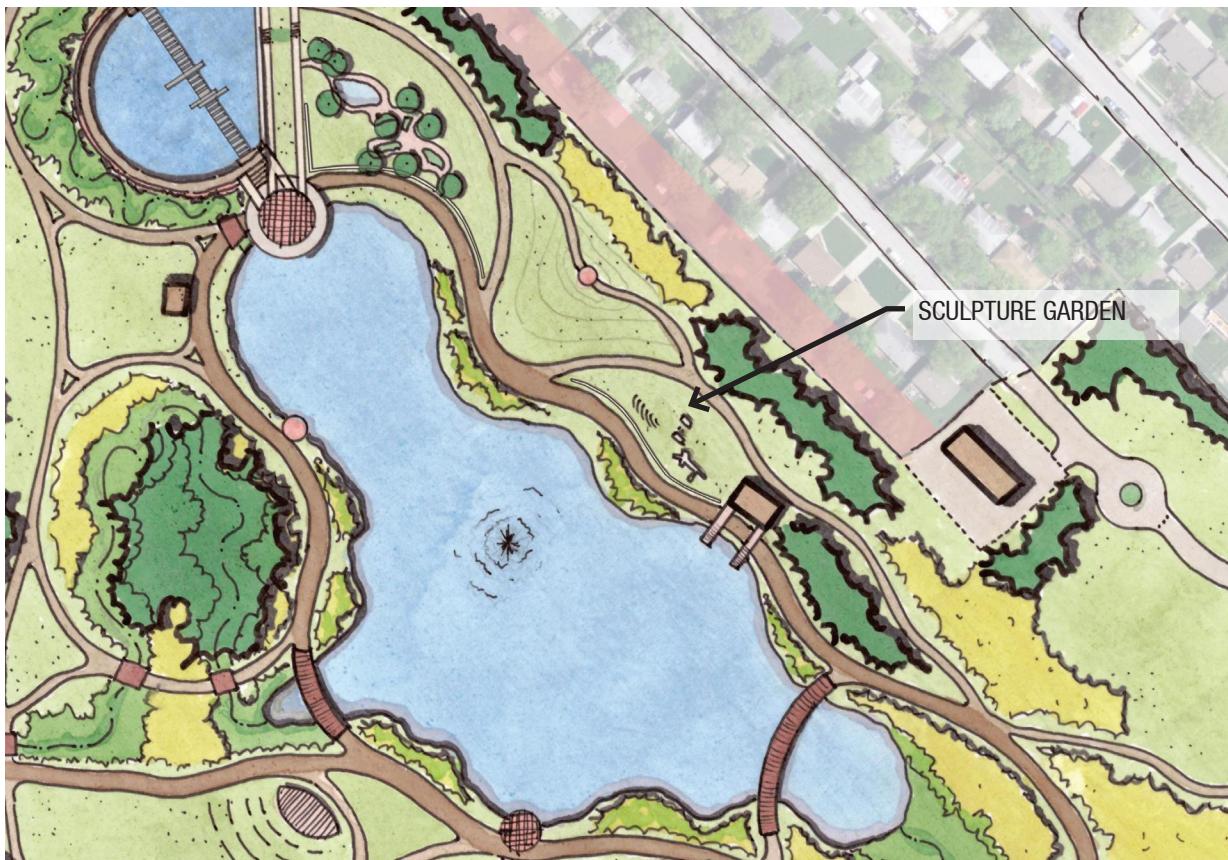


## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### NATURE PLAYGROUND

A nature playground will be one of a kind in this region. Civic Center Park offers ample space for a large range of natural programs, imaginative play and large motor skill development in this concept. The playground is elevated above the flood zone by a limestone retaining wall and creates a separation from the nearby lake. Featuring decomposed granite pathways, boulders and logs for climbing, controlled water play, bubbler rocks, shallow pools, sand and dirt play areas, and a recirculating stream, this playground will be a hit for years to come.





## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### SCULPTURE GARDEN

The opportunity to tell many stories and engage the minds of all age groups is present in the creation of a sculpture garden. The sculptures may be selected by the city or local art groups and could be on permanent display or rotated out based on a yearly or bi-yearly cycle if opportunities allow. This garden allows for multiple sizes and interaction types with the art and will keep visitors coming back for more. Sculptures are located in the viewshed of the pavilion, boathouse, and shelters. The proximity to amenities in the park will entice park users to visit the sculptures and explore the world of art. This garden is located above the ten-year flood level.

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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### AMPHITHEATER

Performances at Civic Center Park may occur in an amphitheater designed primarily for small musical concerts, movie nights, or small performances. The amphitheater has limestone benches which are built into the hillside allowing for tiered seating near the stage. This fixed seating area is sized to accommodate 200-300 people. Accessible seating will be provided in the first row for easy access and optimum interaction with the performance. The adjacent lawn behind the seats can accommodate an additional 3,000 people. At a maximum capacity of 3,300, this amphitheater would be one of the largest dedicated amphitheaters in the Omaha metropolitan area.

The stage will be within the ten-year flood zone and will be designed to withstand semi-frequent flood events. The amphitheater stage will allow for easy hook-ups to sound and electrical service. Grading for the amphitheater will be in a concave bowl shape, with the direction of the audience facing the lake and bridge.





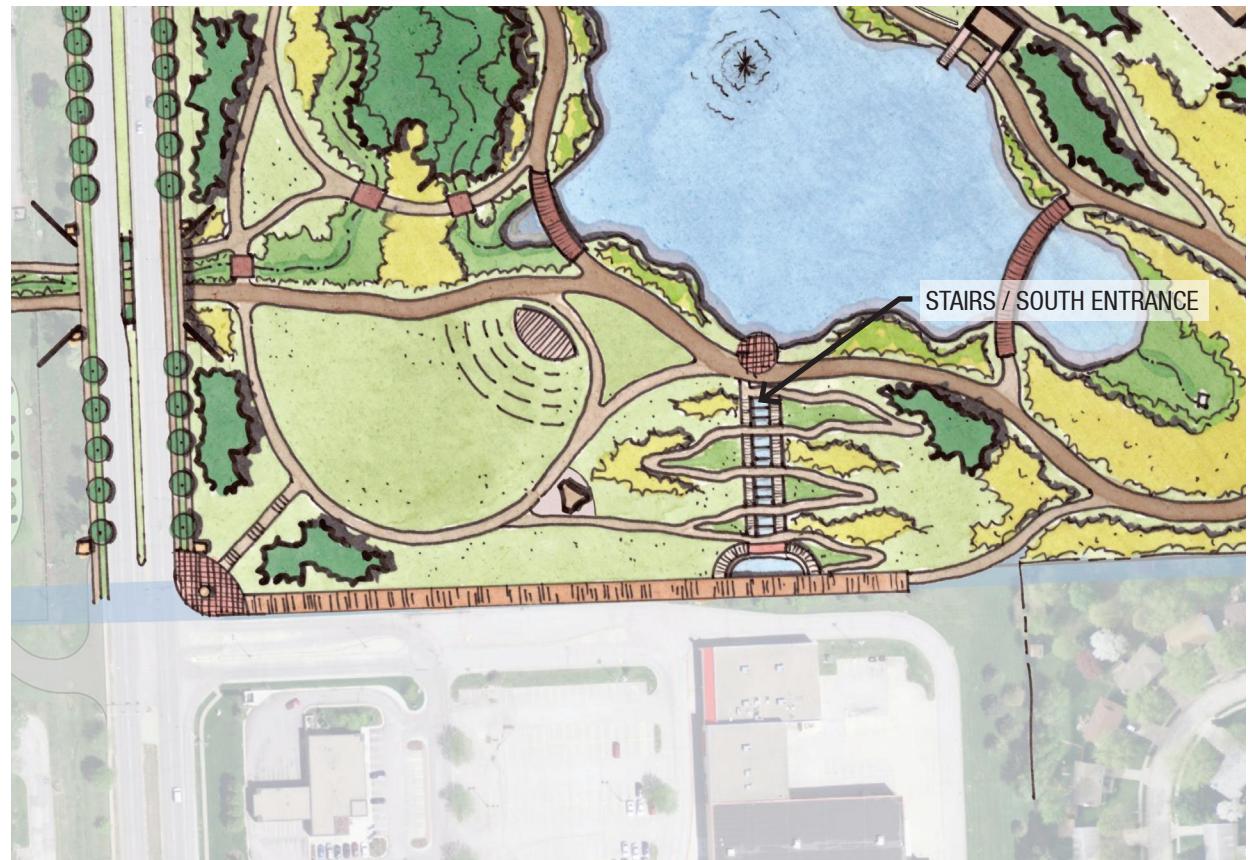
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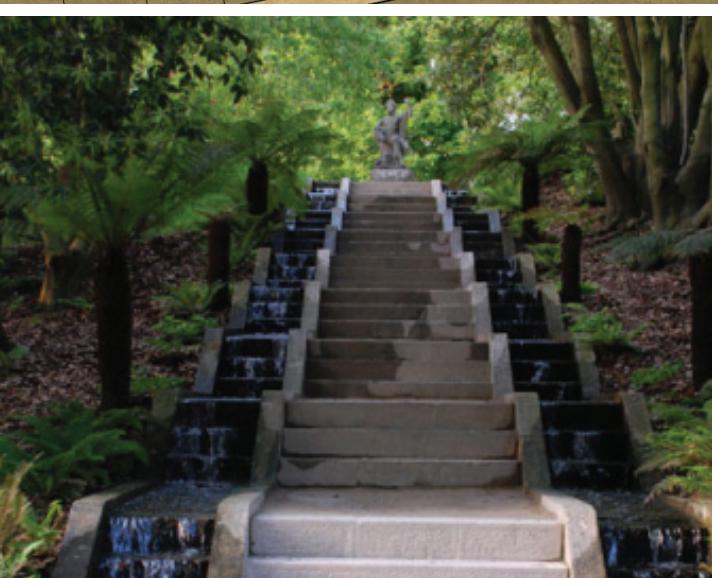
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### STAIRS / SOUTH ENTRANCE

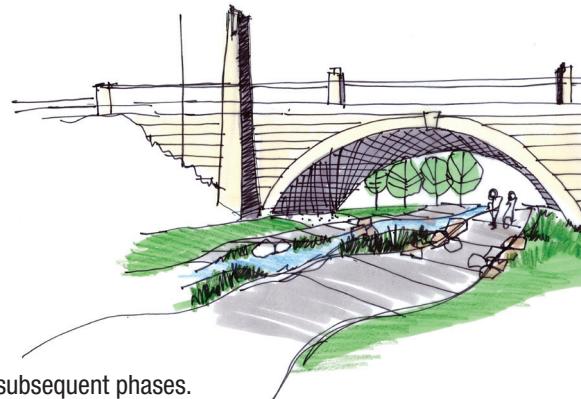
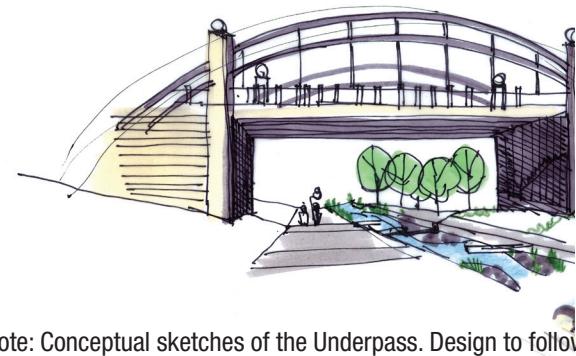
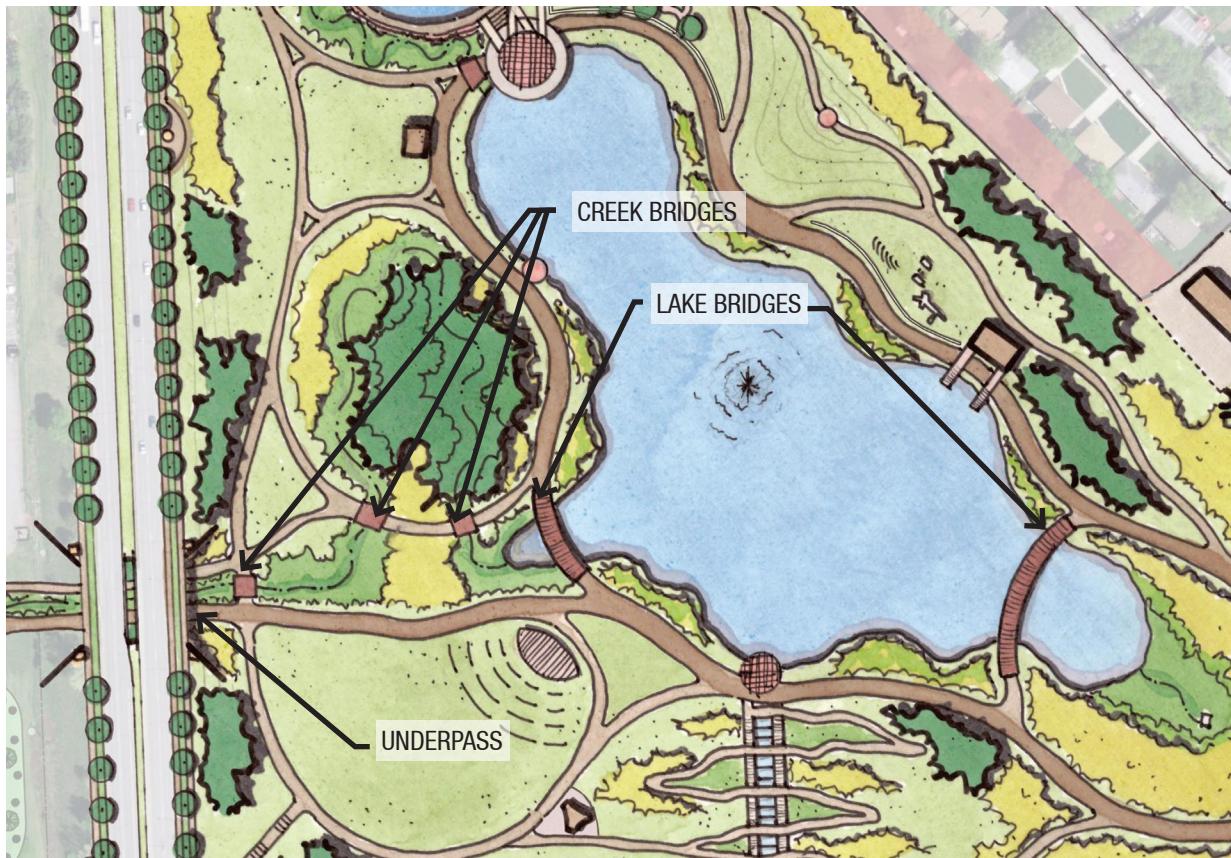
Creating a connection from the new development to the south of Civic Center Park creates many challenges due to the change in grade. The combination of stairs, winding pathways and cascading water is the perfect solution to create a grand entrance on the south side of the park. The stairs and water feature utilize cast-in-place concrete or similar material and will recirculate water to preserve resources. The cascading walls of water will appear to flow directly into the lake creating a relaxing sound of water spilling into the pool. The ADA accessible walkways interact and intersect the primary water feature to ensure that the paths offer the same water connection as the primary staircases.

Note: Due to the fact that this south entrance is highly dependant on the design and use of the adjacent property, this phase will be funded, designed, and constructed in concert with the redevelopment project.









Note: Conceptual sketches of the Underpass. Design to follow in subsequent phases.

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### LAKE BRIDGES

Two bridges are added around the lake to provide access to the water. A smaller bridge on the west side of the lake is approximately 100' in length, while the east bridge is approximately 180' feet in length. The bridges will be twenty feet wide and have railings with artistic lighting to add interest at night.

### CREEK BRIDGES

The bridges crossing the creek will emulate the larger bridges and display similar material choices, and have a 10' width.

### UNDERPASS

The underpass is a key feature in the connection of the park to adjacent neighborhoods to the west of Civic Center Park. The underpass may be constructed from a pre-cast concrete bridge system, such as Contech's Bebo Arch system, an arch keystone bridge style. The bridge may also showcase a rectangular underpass exposing the structural members of the bridge and creating a larger underpass space. The bridge is anticipated to be clad in decorative stone to match the other stone used in Civic Center Park.

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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### STRUCTURES

#### BOAT HOUSE

A two-story building situated in the eastern slope of the lake will house storage for rental boats and boating equipment. The upper level of the boat house is an open shelter and acts as a viewing platform for the lake. An enclosed ticketing booth and rest rooms would be constructed within this shelter. The ground floor is within the 10-year flood level. Adjacent to the boat house are docks for 8-12 boats, constructed from recycled plastic decking.

#### PARK SHELTERS

Several park shelters are located around the site to provide shade, seating, and picnic areas. The shelters may range in size based on their programmatic use. Site amenities near the shelters include picnic tables, grills, litter receptacles, and additional seating. Electrical access may be an additional feature to include in the park shelter. The aesthetics of the structures will match those of the pavilion and boathouse: rugged contemporary.

#### CONCESSION STAND

A small enclosed building with electrical power will offer concessions and rest room facilities for many of Civic Center Park's events. The structure is located beyond the ten-year flood zone. The use of tables, chairs, vegetated planters and litter receptacles will be placed near the concession stand for use in the summertime.



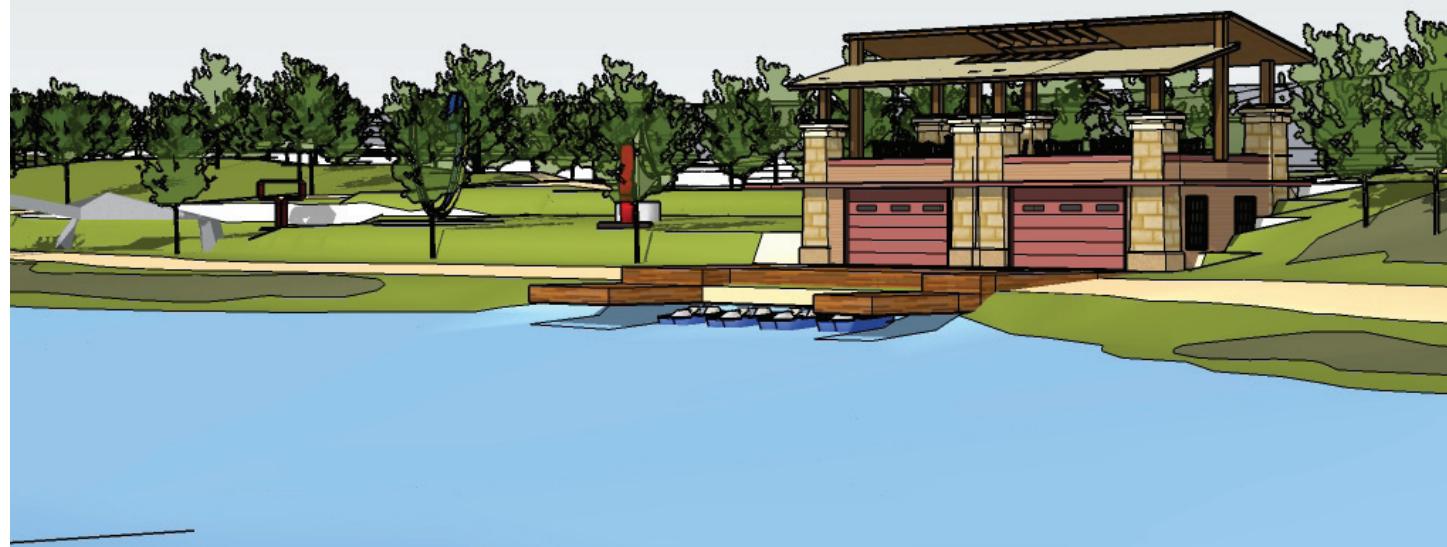


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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### 84TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

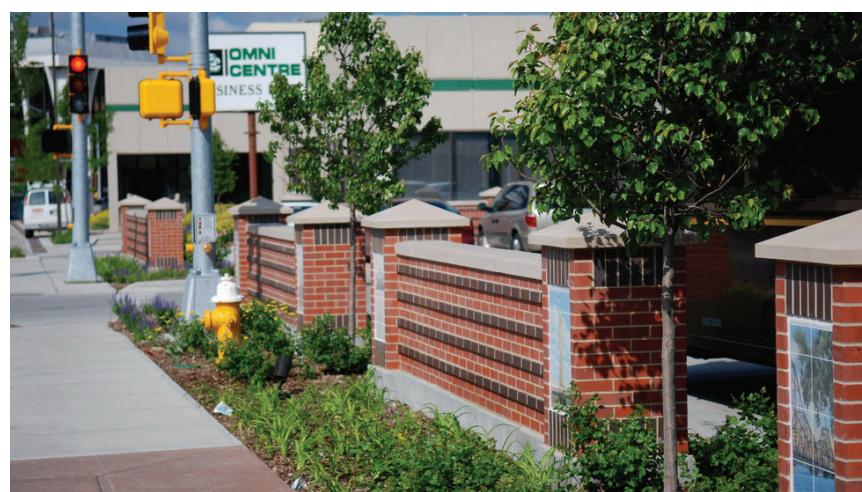
Creating an improved street section near Civic Center Park will not only enhance the area, but create additional interest and excitement for 84th Street users. A small overlook located near the center of the park will provide a vantage point from the 84th Street walkway. Within this space a small structure, interpretive signage, or an icon may be present for interaction with the park. The typical sidewalk section includes:

- A 6-8' cobblestone buffer on the back of curb
- A 4-6' turf zone with trees planted at a regular interval
- A 6-8' concrete sidewalk
- A decorative railing

### TRAILS

Primary walkways will be an 18' wide concrete trail. The primary walkways will feature a one-foot concrete paver band dissecting the trail into a 6' wide bike lane and 11' pedestrian trail. Periodic signage will help enforce the separated use within one trail. Secondary concrete walkways will be 10' in width and serve as a shared multipurpose trail.





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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### CENTRAL PARK ROADWAY

The roadway in Central Park connects the existing entrance to Park View Blvd in Flagpole Park. The 24' concrete roadway includes off-road parking bays to provide more efficient parking in key areas. The roadway will be graded to allow for shoulder parking if needed. A new pedestrian and vehicular bridge will improve the circulation into Central Park and over Thompson Creek. The roadway in Central Park connects the existing entrance to Park View Blvd in Flagpole Park.

### LA VISTA DAZE FESTIVAL LAWN

The yearly celebration occurs within Central Park and has outgrown its current space. The creation of a new drive between the right-of-way on 78th Street to Valley Road will provide truck access to the park for La Vista Daze. Each end of the drive is closed off with removable bollards to control vehicular access into the site. The cul-de-sac at the end of Valley Road is moved into the park to allow vehicles to actually see the park and to provide additional vendor space for the yearly celebration. The berm constructed near the property line is expanded to allow for larger flat spaces for carnival rides.





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## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

### THE LAKE

The proposed lake edge is roughly 2,500 linear feet long, around the roughly 5 acre lake. The lake depth will be between eight and twelve feet in order to provide enough depth for proper fish habitat. The lake edge will include a range of edge treatments:

- Hard/man-made edges will be utilized where pedestrian access to the water is paramount, specifically along the water overlooks and belvedere. In these areas, the water depth at the lake edge will be deeper than three feet in order to keep down unwanted plant material.
- Transition zones with a narrow band of native plant material will be the most common lake edge. These zones are designed to treat the surface runoff coming into the lake from the surrounding park and will help to reduce the quantity of Canada geese which tend to inhabit similar parks.
- Natural edges will be used on the southeast corner, close to the flood control structure. These are areas where there is limited or no pedestrian access to the lake and the native vegetation could help in water treatment.

### STREAM RESTORATION

The stream will be rehabilitated to bring back stream health, viability, plant and animal habitat, and reduce erosion. Where space is available, the stream will have a pool – riffle – pool – riffle configuration to help foster the best possible habitat for stream plants and animals. The design distance between pools is roughly 120' – a number defined by analyzing the original Thompson Creek stream before development.



On either side of the creek, a series of wide shelves will be built into the banks to help stabilize the slope and provide additional room for trails. The slope for the banks is targeted at 4:1 (one foot of vertical rise in four feet of horizontal run), where space was available. Along the north sides, where the stream abuts private residences, that slope must not exceed a 3:1 slope, without engineered slopes.

The biggest limiting factor in the width of the creek and its shelves is the private residences on the northeast side and the petroleum easement on the southwest.

Most of the existing creek that runs through Central Park is actually in the backyards of the private residences. Temporary construction easements will be necessary to pull the stream back into the park (where it was historically) and to rebuild the backyards of the residences. Grading on the petroleum easement must be minimal at best, and cutting into the easement will not be possible.





## 03 Cost & Phasing

### TIMING

The recommended improvements identified in this plan are anticipated to be implemented over time. Some recommendations require more detailed planning and design which would extend their implementation. Projects that require less planning and design and can be done with limited funds may be completed earlier.

### PRIORITIES

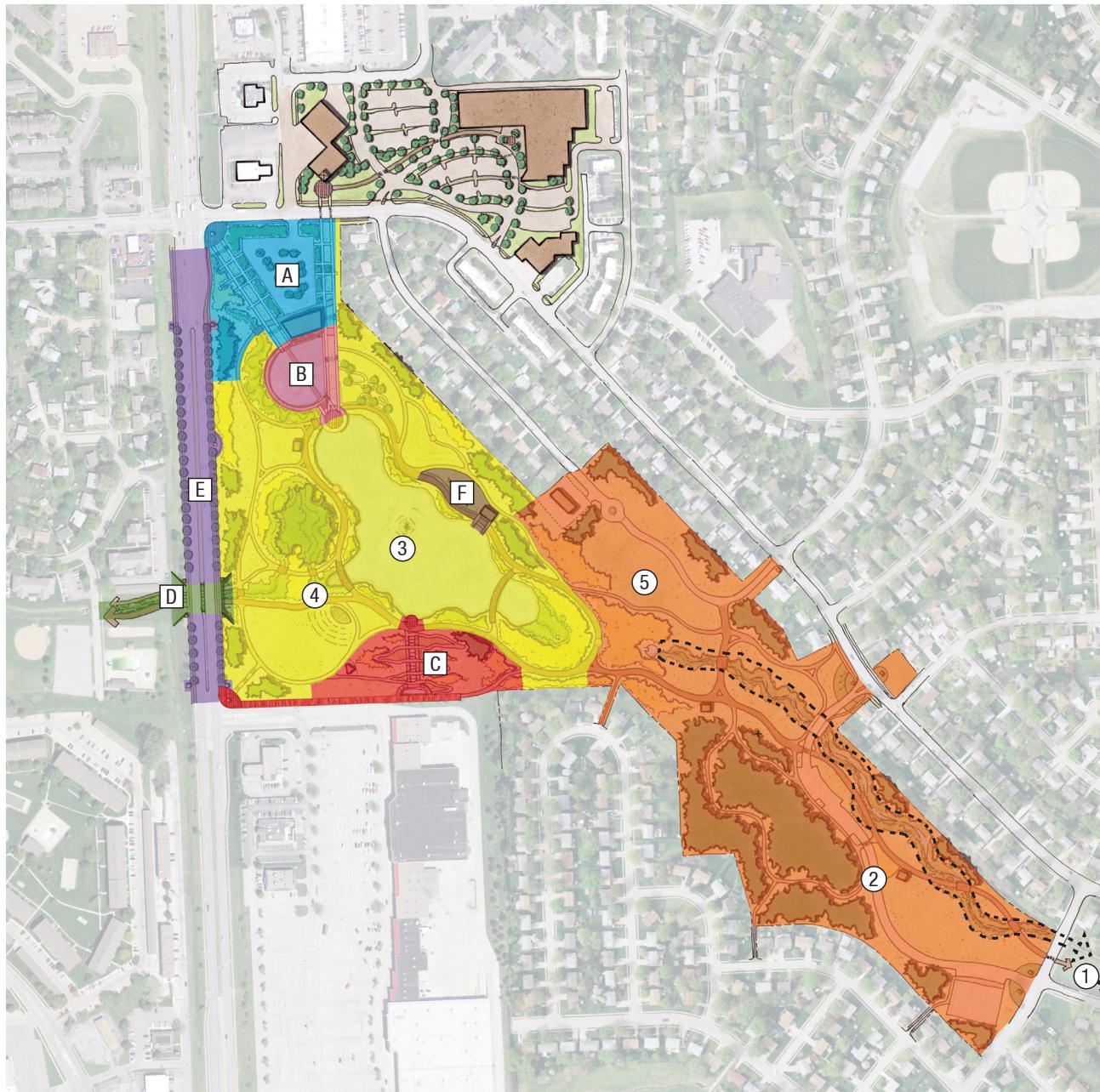
Higher priorities are assigned to those recommendations that are more responsive to the goals of the plan. Projects related to stream restoration have a higher priority. Additionally, those projects that improve park accessibility and generate increased revenues are considered a higher priority.

### COST ESTIMATES

Cost estimates have been developed for each recommendation within this plan. These estimates are intended for budget planning efforts only and will be updated over time. Project design and contract administration costs are included in these estimates. The following cost estimates are summarized by category. Projected costs for implementing this plan range from \$600,000 - 7.5 million per project phase. These estimates are current year costs and do not reflect future year inflation. Projects completed in-house may result in cost savings. Annual operations and maintenance costs associated with the existing facilities are not included in these estimates. More detailed cost estimates will be developed when planning and design is completed on individual projects and as funding becomes available.

#### Note:

The redesigned City Hall Complex & South Redevelopment area are not included in the phasing or cost estimates. These projects are shown in this document as potential master plan improvements but are not integral to the park's success.



## CIVIC CENTER PARK PHASING OPTIONS

Stream Restoration

### PLANNED PHASES

- ① Stream Amenities – Edgewood Blvd to 72nd Street
- ② Central Park – Basic Park Replacements
- ③ Civic Center Park – Lake Construction, Grading & Utilities
- ④ Civic Center Park – Shelters, Amphitheater & Playgrounds
- ⑤ Central Park – Replacements & Enhancements

### FUTURE PHASES

- [A] Northwest Entry & Pavilion
- [B] Formal Pool & Belvedere Memorial
- [C] Connection to Southern Redevelopment
- [D] Underpass Improvements
- [E] 84th Street Streetscape Adjacent to Civic Center Park
- [F] Boathouse & Sculpture Garden



Project Number: 2011.519.00  
April 22, 2013

## Costs & Phasing

### PHASING STRATEGY

Description		
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<b>CURRENT PHASE</b>		
Stream Restoration - Central Park to 72nd Street		
<b>PLANNED PHASES</b>		
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## 1: STREAM AMENITIES - EDGEWOOD BLVD TO 72ND STREET

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal	Restoration Funds
<b>STREAM AMENITIES - EDGEWOOD BLVD TO 72ND STREET</b>					
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>					
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$25,000	\$25,000	
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	
<b>STREAM RESTORATION</b>					
Stream Restoration	3,000	LF	\$464		\$1,392,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,392,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>					
10' wide trail	3,000	LF	\$54	\$162,000	
Limestone Access Points	3	EA	\$3,000	\$9,000	
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$171,000</b>	
<b>SITE AMENITIES</b>					
Lighted Bollards	3,000	LF	\$42	\$126,000	
Interpretive Lighted Bollards	16	EA	\$6,000		\$96,000
Trail Signage	1	LS	\$24,000	\$24,000	
Site Furniture	1	LS	\$40,000	\$40,000	
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$96,000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>					
Plantings (In addition to habitat restoration)	1	LS	\$60,000	\$60,000	
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$446,000</b>	<b>\$1,488,000</b>
STANDARD SOFT COSTS *				\$111,500	
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$557,500</b>	<b>\$1,488,000</b>

### NOTE:

All costs are in 2013 U.S. Dollars

Standard Soft Costs include design, construction service fees, administrative fees, and contingency

Cost includes all items necessary to restore stream: grading, engineered structures, and plantings

## Phasing & Costs

### 2: CENTRAL PARK - BASIC PARK REPLACEMENTS

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>CENTRAL PARK - BASIC PARK REPLACEMENTS</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$95,000	\$95,000
Structures	1	LS	\$100,000	\$100,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$175,000	\$175,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Impervious Trails	5,400	SY	\$40	\$216,000
Pervious Trails	2,000	SY	\$80	\$160,000
Trail Bridges	3	EA	\$30,000	\$90,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$466,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Utilities to Restroom	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanitary Sewer Relocating	1,466	LF	\$45	\$65,970
Sanitary Sewer Manhole Construction	5	EA	\$3,000	\$15,000
Site Grading: moving dirt on site	15,000	CY	\$2.50	\$37,500
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$168,500</b>
<b>SITE IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
Roadway & Parking	7,900	SY	\$60	\$474,000
Culvert Bridge over Creek	1	ALLOW	\$150,000	\$150,000
New Restroom Building	1,000	SF	\$270	\$270,000
Prairie Planting	4	AC	\$5,000	\$20,000
Turf Seeding	7	AC	\$1,500	\$10,500
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$924,500</b>
			<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,929,000</b>
			<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>	<b>\$482,300</b>
			<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>	<b>\$2,411,300</b>

#### NOTE:

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### 3: CIVIC CENTER PARK - LAKE CONSTRUCTION, GRADING & UTILITIES

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>CIVIC CENTER PARK - LAKE CONSTRUCTION, GRADING &amp; UTILITIES</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$100,000	\$100,000
Structures (Restroom & Shelters)	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Pavements and Utilities	157,500	SF	\$2	\$236,250
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$386,300</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Outflow Structure	1	ALLOW	\$30,000	\$30,000
Site Grading: moving dirt on site	126,000	CY	\$2.50	\$315,000
Haul Off Excess Cut**	73,200	CY	\$6	\$439,200
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$784,200</b>
<b>SITE IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
Shoreline Treatment	2,500	LF	\$30	\$75,000
Water Supply Modifications	1	ALLOW	\$90,000	\$90,000
Extend Existing Storm Sewer & Bioretention	4,000	LF	\$50	\$200,000
Impervious Loop Trail around Lake	5,530	SY	\$40	\$221,200
Lighting around Loop Trail	2,742	LF	\$42	\$115,200
Prairie Planting	22	AC	\$5,000	\$110,000
Turf Seeding	13	AC	\$1,500	\$19,500
Lake Aerator	1	ALLOW	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fountain in Lake	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$955,900</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,126,400</b>
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$531,600</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$2,658,000</b>

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\*\* Potential for cost reduction due to local projects that may need additional soil

## Costs & Phasing

### 4: CIVIC CENTER PARK - SHELTERS, AMPHITHEATER & PLAYGROUNDS

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>CIVIC CENTER PARK - SHELTERS, AMPHITHEATER &amp; PLAYGROUNDS</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$275,000	\$275,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Site Lighting	16	AC	\$30,000	\$465,000
Electrical System Improvements	1	ALLOW	\$100,000	\$100,000
Site Grading	1	LS	\$250,000	\$250,000
Seasonal Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$120,000	\$120,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$935,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Impervious Trails	5,000	SY	\$40	\$200,000
Pervious Trails	3,000	SY	\$80	\$240,000
Access to SW Corner & 84th Street	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
Short Lake Bridge - 100' long, 18' wide	1,800	SF	\$250	\$450,000
Long Lake Bridge - 180' long, 10' wide	1,800	SF	\$200	\$360,000
Trail Bridges - 10' wide x 25' long	3	EA	\$30,000	\$90,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,390,000</b>
<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>				
Stage & Canopy	2,250	SF	\$150	\$337,500
Electrical Service	666	LF	\$39	\$25,974
Water Service	666	LF	\$58	\$38,628
Sanitary Sewer Service	666	LF	\$88	\$58,608
Pavers	150	SY	\$60	\$9,000
Concession Building (restrooms & maintenance)	1,800	SF	\$310	\$558,000
Site Furniture around Concession Building	1	ALLOW	\$30,000	\$30,000
Amphitheater Terracing	519	LF	\$200	\$103,800
Electrical and Sound System	1	ALLOW	\$100,000	\$100,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,261,600</b>
<b>NATURE PLAYGROUND</b>				
Retaining Walls - Precast Unit	2,400	SFF	\$30	\$72,000
Nature Playground	1	ALLOW	\$490,000	\$490,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$562,000</b>

#### 4: CIVIC CENTER PARK - SHELTERS, AMPHITHEATER & PLAYGROUNDS - CONTINUED

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

<b>SITE AMENITIES</b>				
40 x 60' Park Shelter	1	ALLOW	\$250,000	\$250,000
20 x 30' Park Shelter	2	EA	\$60,000	\$120,000
Site Furniture	1	ALLOW	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$620,000</b>	
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Irrigation System	1	ALLOW	\$300,000	\$300,000
Deciduous Shade Trees	350	EA	\$535	\$187,250
Landscaping	1	ALLOW	\$230,000	\$230,000
Turf Seeding	7	AC	\$1,500	\$10,200
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$727,500</b>	
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$5,821,100</b>
STANDARD SOFT COSTS *				\$1,455,300
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$7,276,400</b>

#### NOTE:

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## Costs & Phasing

### 5: CENTRAL PARK - REPLACEMENTS & ENHANCEMENTS

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>CENTRAL PARK - REPLACEMENTS &amp; ENHANCEMENTS</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$75,000	\$75,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Site Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$225,000	\$225,000
Site Grading	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
La Vista Daze Electric Distribution	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Seasonal Lighting Distribution	1	ALLOW	\$45,000	\$45,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>
<b>SITE AMENITIES</b>				
20 x 30' Park Shelter	2	EA	\$60,000	\$120,000
Entrance Markers	6	EA	\$40,000	\$240,000
Site Furniture	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Playground	1	ALLOW	\$90,000	\$90,000
Discovery Playground (in creek)	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Spillway Enhancements	1	ALLOW	\$75,000	\$75,000
Flagpoles	3	EA	\$5,000	\$15,000
Maintenance Building Renovation	1	ALLOW	\$80,000	\$80,000
Tennis Court Rehabilitation	1	ALLOW	\$25,000	\$25,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$745,000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Irrigation System for Lawn Areas	120,000	SF	\$1	\$120,000
Deciduous Shade Trees	150	EA	\$535	\$80,250
Landscaping North of Park View Blvd Entry	1	ALLOW	\$20,000	\$20,000
Landscaping	1	ALLOW	\$110,000	\$110,000
Turf Seeding	9	AC	\$1,500	\$13,050
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$343,300</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,583,300</b>
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$395,900</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$1,979,200</b>

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## A: NORTHWEST ENTRY & PAVILION

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>NORTHWESET ENTRY &amp; PAVILION</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Property Acquisition	1	ALLOW	\$650,000	\$650,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$285,000	\$285,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
Demolition (Clubhouse)	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Site Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$220,000	\$220,000
Electrical Service to Pavilion	345	LF	\$39	\$13,455
Water Service to Pavilion	345	LF	\$58	\$20,010
Sanitary Sewer to Pavilion	345	LF	\$88	\$30,360
Site Grading: moving dirt on site	8,000	CY	\$2.50	\$20,000
Haul Off Excess Cut **	7,000	CY	\$6	\$42,000
Stormwater System for Parking Lot	1	ALLOW	\$175,000	\$175,000
Seasonal Lighting Distribution	1	ALLOW	\$55,000	\$55,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$575,900</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Parking Lot Pavement	4,750	SY	\$50	\$237,500
Impervious Trails	3,000	SY	\$40	\$120,000
Pervious Trails	1,000	SY	\$80	\$80,000
Stairs	1,600	LFN	\$50	\$80,000
Trail Bridges	2	EA	\$30,000	\$60,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$577,500</b>
<b>PAVILION</b>				
13,000 SF Building	13,000	SF	\$250	\$3,250,000
Patio and Stairs	2,600	SF	\$60	\$156,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,406,000</b>
<b>NW ENTRANCE</b>				
Conc. Pavers	450	SY	\$60	\$27,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Irrigation System	90,000	SF	\$1	\$90,000
Deciduous Shade Trees	150	EA	\$535	\$80,250
Landscaping	1	ALLOW	\$170,000	\$170,000
Turf Seeding	3	AC	\$1,500	\$4,500
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$344,800</b>

## Costs & Phasing

### A: NORTHWEST ENTRY & PAVILION - CONTINUED

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

PHASE SUBTOTAL		\$5,931,200
STANDARD SOFT COSTS *		\$1,482,800
CURRENT PHASE COST		\$7,414,000

#### NOTE:

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## B: FORMAL POOL & BELVEDERE MEMORIAL

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>FORMAL POOL &amp; BELVEDERE MEMORIAL</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$165,000	\$165,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>
<b>FORMAL POOL</b>				
Site Grading	1	ALLOW	\$25,000	\$25,000
Retaining Walls	460	LF	\$600	\$276,000
Sidewalks	390	SY	\$40	\$15,600
Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Stairs	640	LFN	\$50	\$32,000
Water Walk	3,000	SF	\$20	\$60,000
Pool Construction	31,500	SF	\$50	\$1,575,000
Pool Feature, waterfall, etc.	1	ALLOW	\$750,000	\$750,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,783,600</b>
<b>BELVEDERE</b>				
Conc. Pavers	294	SY	\$60	\$17,640
Conc. Pavement	290	SY	\$60	\$17,400
Flagpole	1	ALLOW	\$5,000	\$5,000
Donor Recognition	1	ALLOW	\$7,000	\$7,000
Site Furniture	1	ALLOW	\$75,000	\$75,000
Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$150,000	\$150,000
Central Focal Element (art, fountain, memorial)	1	ALLOW	\$200,000	\$200,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$472,100</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,435,700</b>
STANDARD SOFT COSTS *				\$859,000
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$4,294,700</b>

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## Costs & Phasing

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>CONNECTION TO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$115,000	\$115,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Burying Transmission Lines	1	ALLOW	\$750,000	\$750,000
Site Lighting	1	LS	\$75,000	\$75,000
Site Grading	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
Electric Distribution Line	1	ALLOW	\$100,000	\$100,000
Seasonal Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$20,000	\$20,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$995,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Boardwalk	1,620	SY	\$60	\$97,200
Impervious Trails	150	SY	\$40	\$6,000
Pervious Trails	600	SY	\$80	\$48,000
Conc. Pavers	540	SY	\$60	\$32,400
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$183,600</b>
<b>WATER CASCADE</b>				
Retaining Walls	150	LF	\$300	\$45,000
Sidewalks	390	SY	\$40	\$15,600
Stairs	1	LS	\$120,000	\$120,000
Concrete Pools	1	ALLOW	\$675,000	\$675,000
Cascade Pump System	1	LS	\$100,000	\$100,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$955,600</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Irrigation System	10,000	SF	\$1	\$10,000
Deciduous Shade Trees	20	EA	\$535	\$10,700
Landscaping	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
Turf	1	AC	\$1,500	\$1,500
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,200</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$2,336,400</b>
				<b>\$584,100</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST **</b>				<b>\$2,920,500</b>

### C: CONNECTION TO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT \*\*

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

#### NOTE:

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Standard Soft Costs include design, construction service fees, administrative fees, and contingency.

\*\* This phase is funded, designed, and constructed with the redevelopment project.

## D: UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>UNDERPASS IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$240,000	\$240,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$150,000	\$150,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Utility Replacement	1	ALLOW	\$400,000	\$400,000
Site Grading	35,000	CY	\$15	\$525,000
Haul Off Excess Cut **	12,500	CY	\$6	\$75,000
Seasonal Lighting	1	ALLOW	\$20,000	\$20,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,020,000</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Replace Street Pavement	1,620	SY	\$90	\$145,800
Underpass Structure	1	ALLOW	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Impervious Trails	1,000	SY	\$40	\$40,000
Pervious Trails	400	SY	\$80	\$32,000
Custom Railings	300	LF	\$250	\$75,000
Bridge Icons and Aesthetic Improvements	1	ALLOW	\$500,000	\$500,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,292,800</b>
<b>UNDER BRIDGE AESTHETICS</b>				
Stream Aesthetics & Restoration	250	LF	\$1,200	\$300,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Landscape Allowance	1	ALLOW	\$25,000	\$25,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$5,027,800</b>
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$1,257,000</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$6,284,800</b>

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## Costs & Phasing

### E: 84TH STREET STREETSCAPE ADJACENT TO PARK

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>84TH STREET STREETSCAPE ADJACENT TO CIVIC CENTER PARK</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$160,000	\$160,000
Pavement Removals	20,000	SF	\$2	\$30,000
Utility Relocation (as needed)	1	ALLOW	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
<b>UTILITIES &amp; GRADING</b>				
Site Grading	15,000	CY	\$15.00	\$225,000
Decorative, Energy Efficient Street Lights	32	EA	\$14,000	\$448,000
Seasonal Lighting Distribution	32	EA	\$800	\$25,600
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$698,600</b>
<b>HARDSCAPE</b>				
Cobblestone Band	1,500	SY	\$60	\$90,000
Impervious Sidewalks	2,500	SY	\$40	\$100,000
Streetscape Icons	4	ALLOW	\$150,000	\$600,000
Railings	2,600	LF	\$90	\$234,000
Reinforced Slopes	35,000	SFF	\$25	\$875,000
Retaining Walls - Overlook	1,000	SFF	\$80	\$80,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,979,000</b>
<b>LANDSCAPE</b>				
Irrigation System for Trees & Turf	32,500	SF	\$1	\$32,500
Street Trees - 30' O.C.	185	EA	\$535	\$98,975
Median Landscaping	13,200	SF	\$18	\$237,600
Turf Sod	19,300	SF	\$1	\$19,300
Native Grass Seeding on Slopes	2	AC	\$5,000	\$9,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$397,400</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,315,000</b>
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$828,800</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$4,143,800</b>

#### NOTE:

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## F: BOATHOUSE & SCULPTURE GARDEN

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>BOATHOUSE &amp; SCULPTURE GARDEN</b>				
<b>MOBILIZATION &amp; DEMOLITION</b>				
Mobilization (5% of the Phase Total)	1	LS	\$70,000	\$70,000
Pavements and Utilities	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>BOATHOUSE</b>				
2,750 SF Building	2,750	SF	\$200	\$550,000
Docks with Lights	1	ALLOW	\$75,000	\$75,000
Boats	1	ALLOW	\$25,000	\$25,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
<b>SCULPTURE GARDEN</b>				
Retaining Walls - Precast Unit	2,100	SFF	\$30	\$63,000
Site Sculpture Development Cost	12,500	SF	\$50	\$625,000
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$688,000</b>
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,458,000</b>
<b>STANDARD SOFT COSTS *</b>				<b>\$364,500</b>
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>\$1,822,500</b>

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## Costs & Phasing

### ART PIECES BY PHASE

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal
<b>ART PIECES</b>				
<b>A: Northwest Entry &amp; Pavilion</b>				
Entrance Art Piece/Sculpture	1	ALLOW	TBD	TBD
<b>B: Formal Pool &amp; Belvedere Memorial</b>				
Integrated Art	1	ALLOW	TBD	TBD
<b>C: Connection to Redevelopment Project **</b>				
Entrance Art Piece/Sculpture	1	ALLOW	TBD	TBD
<b>E: 84th Street Streetscape Adjacent to Civic Center Park</b>				
Overlook Art Piece/Sculpture	1	ALLOW	TBD	TBD
<b>F: Boathouse &amp; Sculpture Garden</b>				
Art Pieces	1	ALLOW	TBD	TBD
<b>PHASE SUBTOTAL</b>				
STANDARD SOFT COSTS *				
<b>CURRENT PHASE COST</b>				<b>To Be Determined</b>



## Costs & Phasing

### CIVIC CENTER PARK - COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

#### La Vista Civic Center Park: Phasing Strategy

March 20, 2013

#### Current Phase

Stream Restoration – Central Park to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street ..... City Responsibility: \$322,700

#### Planned Phases

1. Stream Amenities – Edgewood Boulevard to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street ..... \$557,500
  - This phase will complete the stream restoration project with trails, site furniture, lighting, and supplemental landscaping from Edgewood Boulevard to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
2. Central Park – Basic Park Replacements ..... \$2,411,300
  - After the stream is restored in Central Park, this phase is designed to bring Central Park back into use. It will replace and upgrade roads, trails, and bridges and construct a new restroom building.
3. Civic Center Park – Lake Construction, Grading & Utilities ..... \$2,658,000
  - This phase focuses on grading Civic Center Park: at the end of construction the lake will be in place and utilities will be moved to prepare for future phases. Around the lake, a new loop trail with site lighting will be constructed for the public's use.
4. Civic Center Park – Shelters, Amphitheater & Playgrounds ..... \$7,276,400
  - After the park is graded, the necessary elements of the park can be added: amphitheater, concession stand/restroom, nature playground, park shelters, decorative bridges, site lighting, and site furniture.
5. Central Park – Replacements & Enhancements ..... \$1,979,200
  - This phase replaces and upgrades a few amenities such as the park shelter and playground. Further, new features will enhance the park: entrance markers, landscaping, site lighting, and customized La Vista Daze electric distribution.

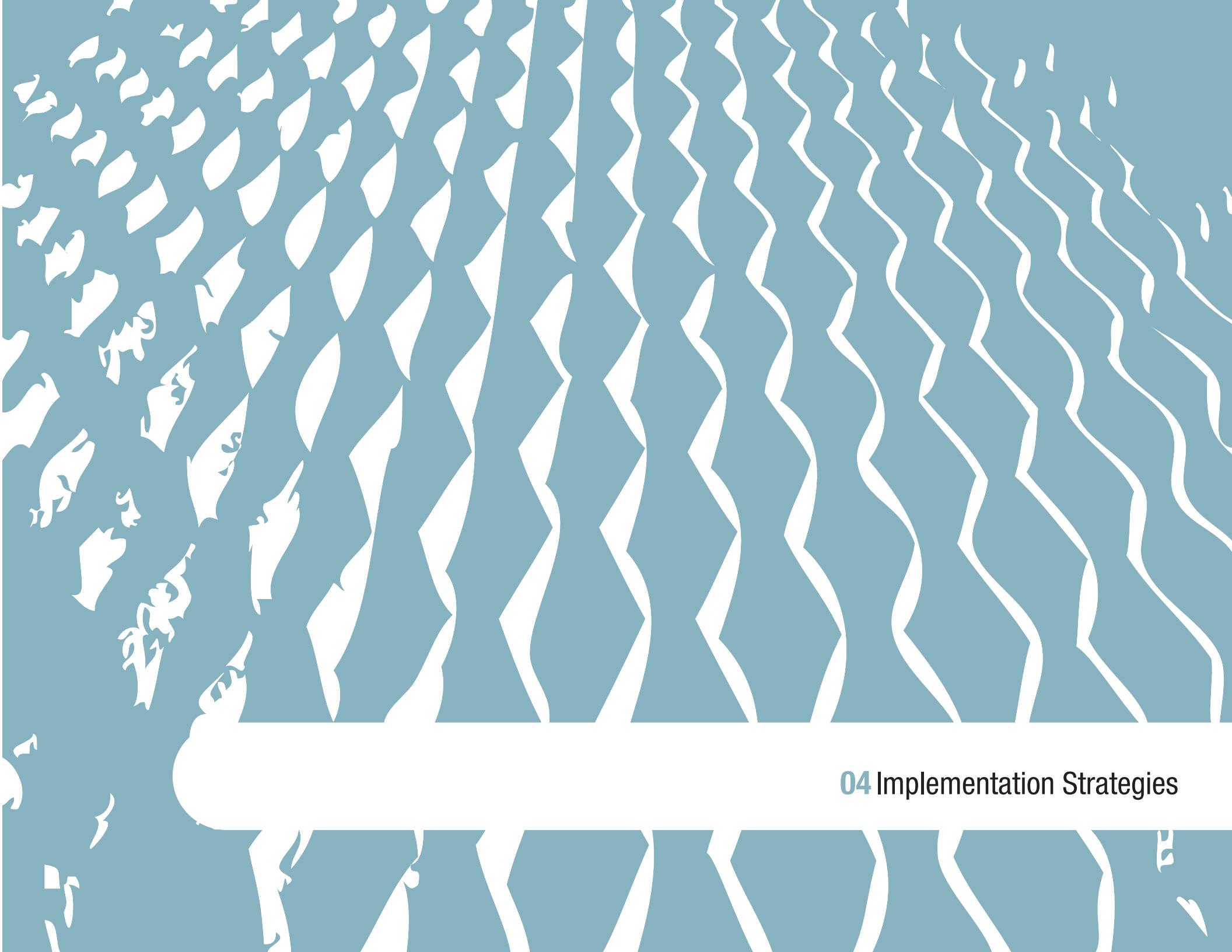
**Planned Phase Totals:.....\$14,882,400**

## Future Phases

A. Northwest Entry & Pavilion .....	\$7,414,000
• This phase constructs a new 13,000 SF rentable pavilion and expanded parking lot, but will require the acquisition and remediation of the gas station property. After acquisition, two new pedestrian entrances and a major celebratory plaza on 84 <sup>th</sup> Street can be constructed. This phase has an option for entrance art pieces (not included in cost estimate).	
B. Formal Pool & Belvedere Memorial .....	\$4,294,700
• This construction phase adds the formal pool and belvedere memorial at the lake edge. These two elements offer several opportunities for memorials and fund raising recognition, as well as the option for integrated art (not included in cost estimate).	
C. Connection to Southern Redevelopment .....	\$2,920,500
• This project connects the lake to the future southern redevelopment. This phase will be designed, funded, and constructed in concert with the redevelopment project. It also offers the opportunity for entrance art pieces (not included in cost estimates).	
D. Underpass Improvements .....	\$6,284,800
• This phase adds the western connection under 84 <sup>th</sup> Street. Furthermore, the underpass includes bridge icons along 84 <sup>th</sup> Street to help bring attention to the park.	
E. 84 <sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Adjacent to Civic Center Park .....	\$4,413,800
• This project improves the streetscape along 84 <sup>th</sup> Street along the park with widened sidewalks, new trees, new streetlights, and a new overlook. The overlook provides space for an optional art piece (not included in cost estimate).	
F. Boathouse & Sculpture Garden.....	\$1,822,500
• This phase constructs the boathouse (with second floor shelter), docks, and adjacent sculpture garden. Costs for sculptures are not included in cost estimate.	
<b>Future Phase Totals .....</b>	<b>\$26,800,300</b>
<b>Project Total .....</b>	<b>\$42,085,400*</b>

\* All costs are in 2013 dollars, include soft costs, but do not include costs for art pieces.



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## 04 Implementation Strategies

## Implementation Strategies

### **FUNDING STRATEGY OPTIONS**

The proposed improvements within this plan for La Vista Civic Center Park must be integrated into the overall budget/program needs of the City of La Vista. As master plans are completed for other parks within the City system, the proposed improvements will be considered comprehensively across the entire system. Additionally, the needs associated with maintaining the existing facilities within the park system will be considered along with the proposed improvements.

Some recommendations may be completed through the annual program of work as part of the continuing operations and maintenance of La Vista Parks and Recreation Department.

Potential funding sources include annual appropriations, grants, partnerships and long-term public financing.

## Budget Year Summary

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
1. Source of Funds ►	Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET)	Federal 319 (h) Grant	Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District (NRD)	City of La Vista	TOTALS ▼
2. Budget Category ▼					
3. Task 1.1 Education/Outreach	\$35,000	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$50,000
4. Task 1.2 - Cost-share/Demonstration Projects	\$17,000	\$15,000		\$3,000	\$35,000
5. Task 1.3 & 1.4 Reconstruct Thompson Creek – Pre-Construction Monitoring		\$50,000			\$50,000
6. Task 1.3 & 1.4 Reconstruct Thompson Creek – Design, Construction Engineering & Management	\$130,000	\$55,000	\$58,050	\$30,950	\$274,000
7. Task 1.3 & 1.4 Reconstruct Thompson Creek – Construction Costs	\$595,000	\$420,000	\$417,000	\$283,750	\$1,715,750
8. Task 1.3 & 1.4 – Reconstruct Thompson Creek – Post-Construction Monitoring (3 years)	\$20,000	\$20,000			\$40,000
9. Task 2.1 Continued Education/Outreach	\$10,000	\$5,000			\$15,000
10. Task 2.2 Additional Cost-share/ Demonstration Projects	\$100,000	\$50,000			\$150,000
11. Task 3.1 Continued Education/Outreach	\$15,000	\$15,000			\$30,000
12. Task 3.2 Additional Cost-share/ Demonstration Projects	\$190,000	\$140,000			\$330,000
13. TOTALS ►	\$1,112,000	\$780,000	\$475,050	\$322,700	\$2,689,750

### STREAM RESTORATION

The Budget Year Summary to the left was created for the Thompson Creek stream restoration project. To date, grant funds have been awarded to the project from both the NET and Federal 319 Grant programs.

There is the potential some of these same sources listed could be used for environmentally-based improvements in the park itself. Further investigation will be needed before each phase is initiated to see whether these funds can be utilized.





## 05 Appendix

# Natural Resource Inventory & Analysis

## INTRODUCTION

Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (AES) was retained by RDG Planning & Design (RDG) to provide professional ecological consulting services to assist with the development of the Civic Center Park Master Plan. The future Civic Center Park, located in La Vista, Nebraska, consists of approximately 34 acres dominated by an existing golf course. On September 16, 2011, Kim Chapman (AES Principal Ecologist) conducted a rapid field review of the existing Golf Course. Other parties present were members of the RDG team, City staff, Golf Course staff, and Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality, and staff of the consulting firm TD2.

AES' field observations over several hours and the existing natural resource data for the area were used to prepare this rapid Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment (NRIA). This NRIA summarizes existing natural resource data, conveys AES' field findings, and provides our preliminary recommendations for the park. It is not an intensive study of the ecological and biological features of the park.

## SUMMARY OF EXISTING DATA

### REGIONAL CONTEXT

The future Civic Center Park is in the City of La Vista, Sarpy County, Nebraska near the eastern border of the state, just south of Omaha. The park is surrounded by residential development, commercial development, other parks, and a major roadway (84th Street) on the park's western boundary. The Missouri River lies approximately 5.5 miles to the east, and the Platte River lies approximately 8 miles south of the park.

### ECOREGIONS, LANDFORMS, SOILS

The park is located in the Western Corn Belt Plains ecoregion (Chapman et al. 2001). This region's fertile soils and warm/moist climate make this one of the most productive corn/soybean areas in the world. Within the Corn Belt Plains, the park is located in the Nebraska/Kansas Loess Hills ecoregion (Chapman et al. 2001). This ecoregion is typified by significant relief and hills covered in a deep layer of loess, or wind-blown dust.

The park's topography is rolling to hilly. The major physiographic feature of the park is a broad valley running east-west, flanked by hillslopes rising several dozen feet in elevation. The valley begins in the neighborhood west of the park and continues east into Central Park.

The digital soil survey of Sarpy County (SSURGO) maps the slopes of the park as Urban Land-Pohocco Complex, with slopes up to 16%. In a natural state, these soils are silt loams (with a silty clay loam surface) and derived from wind-blown loess. They have moderately high internal drainage rates (0.6-2.0 inches/hour). Soils of the valley bottom are mapped as Urban Land-Judson Complex. These are silty clay soils also derived from loess. Although their infiltration rate is slower than on the slopes, the valley soils also have moderately high infiltration rates of 0.2-0.6 inches/hour.

## HYDROLOGY

Thompson Creek and its impoundments are among the park's most striking features. The creek's headwaters lie in the neighborhood west of 84th Street, but flow is underground until it emerges at the municipal pool, where it then flows through a concrete channel and then beneath 84th Street. The stream falls 6-7 feet from west of 84th Street to the channel inside the park. An earthen berm in the eastern section of the park creates a pond and flood control structure in the center of the park. A tributary enters the park from neighborhoods at the Pro Shop. Both branches of the creek above the pond have channels lined with concrete blocks.

**Figure 1. Thompson Creek watershed**



Leaving the golf course, Thompson Creek flows east into Central Park and then in a narrow greenway through neighborhoods until it reaches Big Papillion Creek. Big Papillion flows southeast to the Missouri River. Big Papillion Creek is listed as an impaired water due to excessive E. coli concentrations, and the Missouri River has a fish consumption advisory (NDEQ 2010).

Due to the earthen berm and the design of its culverts, Thompson Creek floods significant portions of the park after 2-year events and larger (Figure 2). The flood extent for 2-, 10-, 25-and 100-year storm events was modeled by TD2 Engineering & Surveying. The highest flood elevation assumes a 100-year storm event with obstruction of the principal floodway.

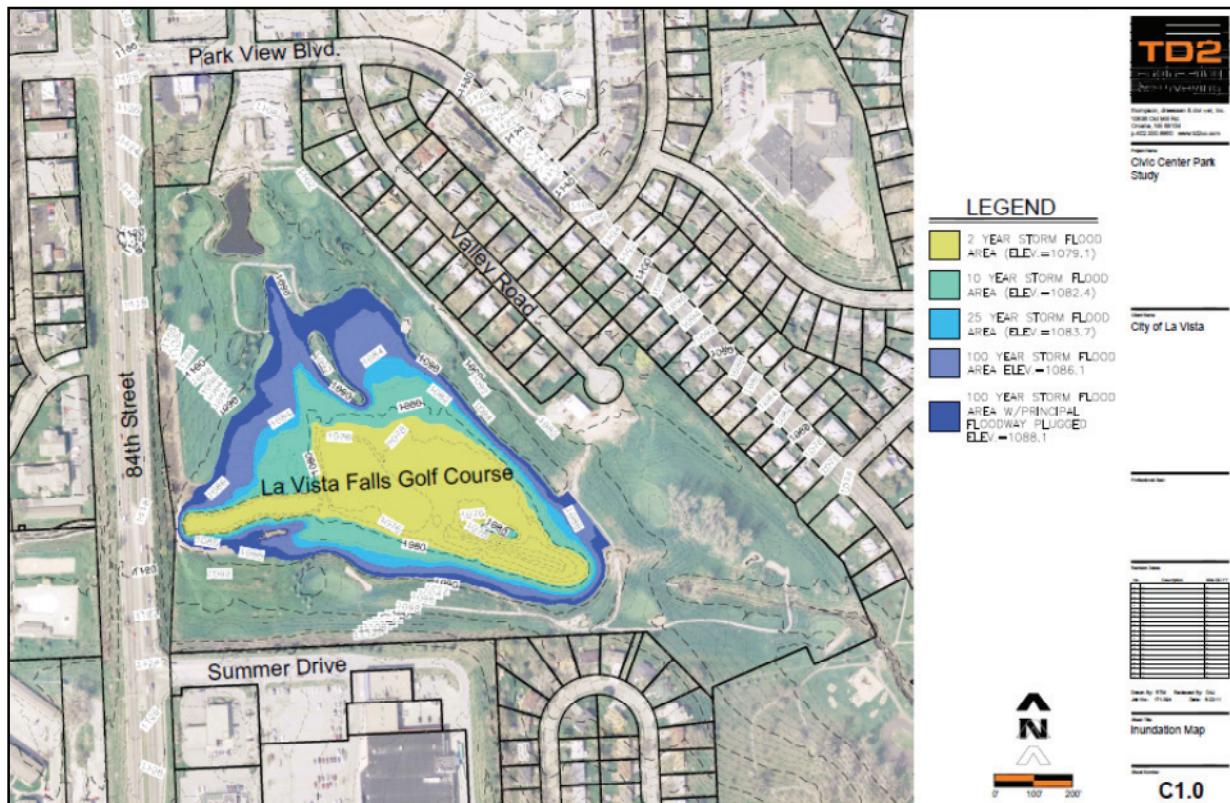
## HISTORICAL VEGETATION

Prior to European settlement, this part of Nebraska supported tallgrass prairie and savanna in the uplands and scattered oak-hickory forests along stream valleys (Chapman et al. 2001). The prairies and savannas were frequently burned by Native Americans, while valleys and areas in the vicinity of water tended to be sheltered from the fires and supported forests. Central Park may have supported vegetation resembling forest, whereas La Vista Falls Golf Course may have supported vegetation more like prairie and savanna.

Studies elsewhere in the Midwest and eastern Great Plains suggest that headwater streams, like those at La Vista, had a barely discernible channel, if any. Instead, water flowed in a broad swath through wet prairies and marshes, becoming a noticeable channel only when enough water had accumulated, such as by the time a stream was of a second or third order.

# Natural Resource Inventory & Analysis

Figure 2 Existing Inundation map of La Vista Falls Golf Course (TD2 2011)



## RARE NATURAL FEATURES

Endangered, threatened, and other protected plant and animal species, such as Bald Eagle, exist in the region but are not known to occur in the park. Of the species listed as endangered and threatened in the Omaha region, it is unlikely that any records occur within 1 mile of the park due to lack of suitable habitat (AGC 2007). AES recommends that

a formal data request be submitted to the Nebraska Natural Heritage Program to determine if rare natural features are officially reported on or within 1 mile of the park.

## FIELD ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

### EXISTING LAND COVER

The current use of the future Civic Center Park is an existing golf course. About 85% of land cover in the park is occupied by fairways, greens and rough areas (Table 1). Naturalized land cover and open water occupies some 10% of the park. Field observations suggest that wet spots occur in some turf areas and an area of standing water exists in a wooded area in the west-central portion of the park (Figure 3). These observations suggest there may be a groundwater source that emerges in limited areas at the valley bottom.

**Developed.** The park's developed areas include the golf course clubhouse, in the northwestern corner of the park, and a maintenance area near the Valley Road cul-de-sac. A network of golf cart paths and bridges exist throughout the park, but these are not mapped. The clubhouse, maintenance area, parking lots and trails have impervious and semi-impervious surfaces that shed water quickly to adjacent vegetation and storm sewer drains.

**Figure 3. Existing land cover within La Vista Falls Golf Course**



**Golf Course.** The area designated as Golf Course contains grassed fairways, greens, and rough areas, as well as scattered trees. Grasses consist of non-native species used routinely for golf course turf. Wet places exist in some areas of the course, suggested the possibility of a groundwater source in limited areas of the park.



Turf sheds water more quickly than natural vegetation (Figure 4). This increases the volatility of streams and the instability of stream banks and beds. It also can create small areas of erosion where flow paths from large expanses of turf converge.

**Mesic Forest.** The park has a small patch of mesic forest, a type of forest that characteristically has moist soils throughout the years. Eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*) is the primarily species of the mesic forest.

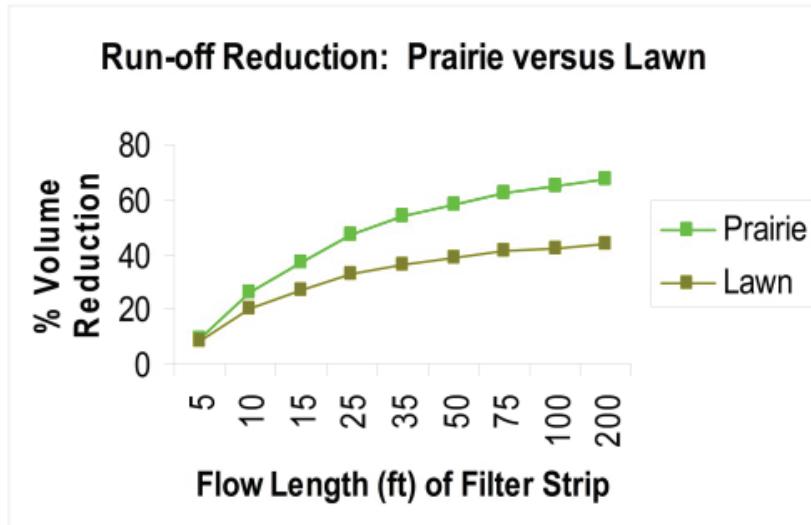
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**Table 1. Land cover types within La Vista Falls Golf Course**

Generalized Land Cover Type	Acres	Percent of Park
Developed (impervious surfaces, etc.)	1.4	4.0%
Golf Course (mowed grassland and parkland)	29.3	85.8%
Mesic Forest	0.8	2.3%
Wet Forest	0.7	2.0%
Riparian Corridor	0.9	2.6%
Open Water (ponds)	1.1	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Wet Forest.** The park has a small patch of wet forest in the west-central part of the course which appears to be maintained by springs. The trees are primarily green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), common hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*), and silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*).

**Figure 4. Water infiltration rates in lawn versus prairie vegetation**



**Riparian Corridor.** Thompson Creek, and its tributary from the northwest, flow through riparian corridors of the park. These corridors contain natural, unmanaged vegetation. Several segments of these drainageways are routed below ground in culverts. In some locations the streambed is armored with concrete blocks.

Native vegetation in the riparian corridors includes green ash, common hackberry, Eastern cottonwood, black willow (*Salix nigra*), silver maple, sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*), Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), lady's thumb (*Polygonum sp*), beggars-ticks (*Bidens sp*), annual sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), and softstem bulrush (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*). Non-native/invasive plants along the riparian corridors include reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and hybrid cattail (*Typha x glauca*).



Overall the streams in the park appeared stable. Cement cross-vanes had been placed to control bank erosion between 84th Street and the large pond. The two ponds help to manage flow downstream and overall are maintaining stable bank conditions. However, a shift in stream condition occurs just east of the maintenance facility at the east edge of the park. A culvert from residential areas to the north enters at this point and sediment deposition and erosion are evident. Just below the green at this location the creek gradient steepens, the stream passes beneath a pedestrian bridge as it enters Central Park, and bank erosion becomes quite severe downstream of that point.

While overall the streams appear stable, they are not as biologically rich as they could be. Aquatic insect life—for example, dragonflies, damselflies, caddisflies—which is a part of ecological food chain in the riparian corridor, is limited by concrete stream beds.

**Open Water.** Two ponds exist in the park. Pond edges are manicured close to the water line, but native sedges were seen growing in the unmowed strip near the water. At the time of the fall visit water quality had improved over conditions seen at an earlier visit. During the earlier visit, the growth of algae the ponds was evident and more abundant than is typical of a high quality water body. Floatable trash was present in the pond near the clubhouse, indicating the direct connection of city streets to the waters of the site.

## WILDLIFE

A wildlife assessment was not conducted as part of the NRIA. Incidental observations include muskrat, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, and great blue heron. It is likely that other urban-tolerant wildlife utilize the golf course, including raccoons, mallard, Canada goose and songbirds during their spring and fall migration periods.



## CONSERVATION ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

### IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION OF SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER

Park development is an opportunity to address stormwater and erosion issues in Thompson Creek. The integrity of streambanks, ponds and riparian corridors can be improved by changing how stormwater runoff is managed in the Thompson Creek watershed.

Problems in Thompson Creek are primarily due to lack of stormwater management outside of the park. For that reason, the following best management practices are listed first by practices that will manage stormwater entering the park, and then by practices that will manage stormwater inside the park:

**Low-Impact Development (LID).** LID development focuses on installing sustainable stormwater management practices in developed areas of the park and contributing watershed. Many stormwater inlets carry large quantities of polluted runoff from rooftops, parking lots and streets directly into the park. There are ample opportunities in the Thompson Creek watershed to deal with stormwater runoff, including:

- Use LID principles in the design of stormwater management practices at the aquatic center;
- Redirect rooftop downspouts from driveways and sidewalks of neighborhoods onto lawns and into rain gardens;
- Install boulevard planters upstream of storm drains in neighborhood streets to capture and treat runoff before release into the storm drain;
- During redevelopment of malls and large parking areas, install bioswales, infiltration basins and other best practices.

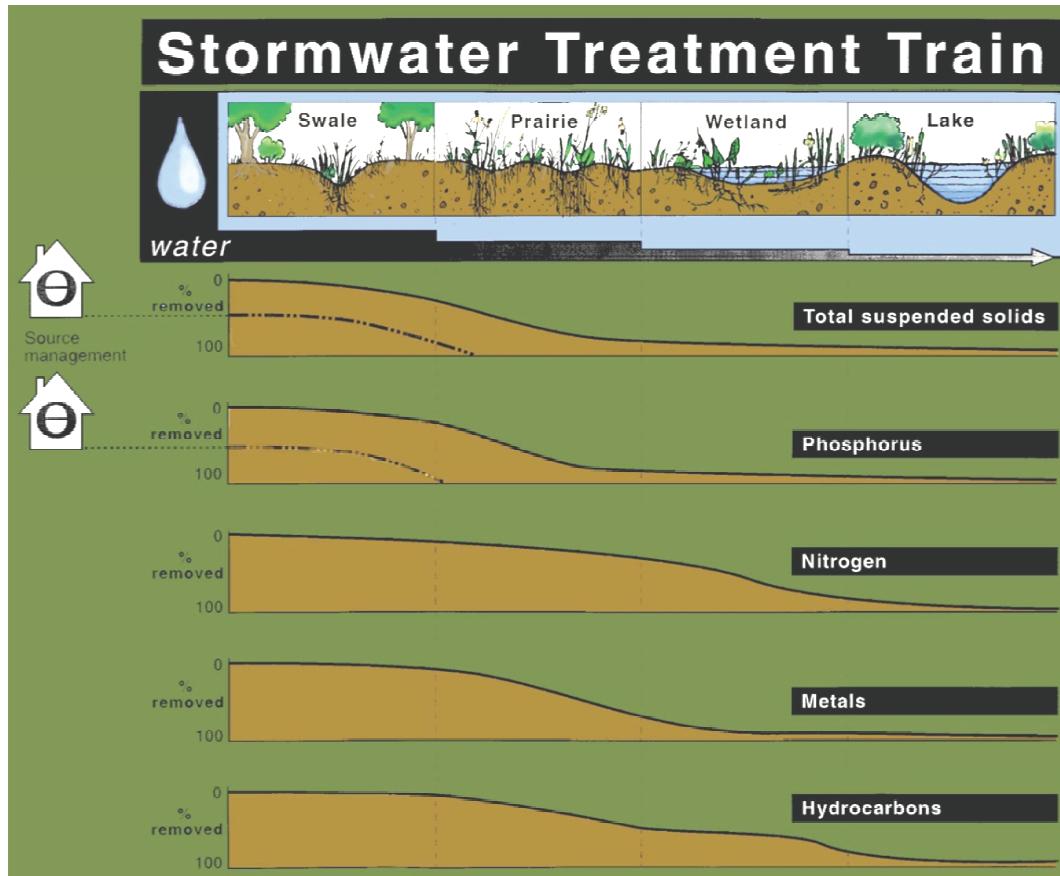
**Conservation Design.** Conservation design responds to the natural features of the land, preserves and restores the ecological functions of the land, and uses ecosystem services to regulate stormwater runoff and improve water quality. Conservation design principles are well documented and have been implemented at many developments and parks around the country. Using these principles at Civic Center Park would improve stormwater management, natural resources and wildlife habitat. A central feature of conservation design is the use of **Stormwater Treatment Trains**. This is a sequence of treatment areas that mimics the treatment provided by natural landscapes. For example, rainfall may flow from a rooftop to a rain garden (source reduction), then enter a bioswale. From there it may be directed into a wet prairie and then into a created wetland. Clean water would leave the wetland and enter streams and ponds. Water volume is also controlled, resulting in less volatility and instability in the streams and ponds.

**Filter Strips.** Filter strips are bands of vegetation between a water body and adjacent impervious surfaces, turf and cropland. Typically native perennial plantings are used to filter stormwater runoff before it enters streams and ponds.

**Stabilize and Restore Banks.** While erosion is not severe along Thompson Creek and the ponds in the park, there is some erosion and bank failure. Bioengineering and other appropriate techniques can stabilize eroding soils, ensure long-term stability and create habitat for dragonflies, damselflies, turtles, frogs, and fish.

**Erosion Control in Uplands.** The area's steep slopes and fine-textured soils are easily eroded with uncontrolled runoff. Ecologically-based design can result in good runoff management and protect flow paths through turf or across and along trails. The goal is to minimize erosion from steeper slopes and from concentrated runoff off of trails and roads.

**Figure 5. Stormwater Treatment Train**



**Provide Downstream Erosion Relief.** Impoundments and grade control protect the park's waterways. In and below Central Park, however, Thompson Creek is deep, incised and eroding channel. As recently as the 1960s Thompson Creek was a shallow, grassy depression in the landscape. There is space in Civic Center Park to install control structures to protect both the park and reduce runoff volumes downstream of the park. In addition, a watershed plan

could identify opportunities upstream of the park where stormwater management could begin. This would involve identifying best practices and locations for those practices which are cost-effective in reducing runoff volume before it reaches Thompson Creek. Water quality improvements are always a component of these best practices. This would reduce algae growth in the park's ponds. Within and below Central Park there are additional opportunities to reduce runoff volume and improve water quality in the surrounding developed areas and in public open space. A watershed plan would describe the approach, best practices, locations, and costs of improving Thompson Creek and the park's ponds.



**Maintain Groundwater Upwellings.** It appears that the valley bottom in the park may have groundwater upwellings, but more investigation is needed to confirm. In the meantime, however, there are locations which are nearly always wet or inundated, such as the wet forest. These locations can support uncommon plants and animals, such as marsh marigold, turtles, frogs and salamanders. Wet conditions are probably maintained by shallow groundwater that receives recharge from infiltration in the surrounding watershed.

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**Eliminate or Minimize Groundwater Pumping.** The golf course uses three wells and pumps as part of the turf irrigation system. Groundwater pumping can have a cumulative effect that is detrimental to aquatic ecosystems. The main consequence is reduced baseflow to streams and other ponds. Baseflow is the constant groundwater discharge to a stream that maintains water levels during dry periods. Without baseflow, streams dry up. Xeriscaping is an additional way to reduce groundwater pumping. This approach uses drought-tolerant native plants in portions of the park to reduce the need for irrigation during park operations. The northwest pond near the clubhouse may need to be redesigned if a drier hydrologic regime is created as part of the stormwater management system for the park.

## WETLANDS

The ponds and riparian corridor support wetlands. The exact location of wetland edges is determined by a wetland delineation. Avoiding impacts to existing wetlands would avoid issues related to wetland regulations. If impacts cannot be avoided, a permit should be obtained. Mitigation may be required for wetland impacts.

## CORE HABITATS AND CONNECTIVITY

The park's condition is in an urban setting with little natural vegetation. No large blocks of native habitat exist and the park's developed setting creates challenges for achieving meaningful ecological connectivity. Despite these constraints, ecological restoration and long term greenway planning can produce a more diverse, functional and sustainable park with a greater variety of passive recreational opportunities than presently. The opportunities would center on walking, using the ponds and streams, nature study, and quiet contemplation.

If implementing a measure of natural resource conservation in the park is a goal of the City, several items may be pursued:

- Manage stormwater runoff to reduce volatility and erosion in streams and ponds;
- Stabilize and restore eroding streambanks and water flow paths in uplands;
- Protect, connect and buffer existing habitats, streams and ponds;
- Improve the quality of degraded habitats, such as riparian corridors, streams and ponds;
- Restore native plant communities and wildlife habitat, such as wet meadow and prairie, in the proper locations;
- Reduce the abundance of invasive plant species;
- Create meaningful ecological connections for wildlife movement.

**Ecological Restoration.** Historically appropriate native plant communities to plant include tallgrass prairie, wet meadow, oak savanna and forest. Restoration should focus on improving, widening and connecting the riparian corridors and forests. The park will probably never support wildlife that need large territories, special habitats, or isolation from people. However, many species that could use natural habitat in the park are uncommon in the region and would benefit from improved habitat.

**Buffers.** Where feasible, buffer areas should be established next to conservation areas by using easements and other ways to promote uses of the land that maintain the natural environment. Buffers protect natural areas by reducing biological edge effects, dumping of lawn clippings and leaves, and uncontrolled trespass into conservation areas. Nearby landowners can receive technical assistance and cost-sharing for establishing ecological buffers, native landscaping and screening on their properties.

Education. Educational programs could inform nearby residents of the park's conservation goals and what they could do to improve the park's natural resources. For example, this may include constructing rain gardens upstream of the park, installing native landscaping next to the park, and keeping pet cats indoors so that they do not kill songbirds in the park.

### INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive vegetation exists in some of the park's natural areas, chiefly reed canary-grass and hybrid cattail. These and other invasive species thrive in disturbed habitats. They often dominate or outcompete native plants, resulting in low habitat diversity and a lower resilience in the face of environmental change and natural disturbances. Managing invasive plants is an important restoration and management goal. Especially during ecological restoration work, controlling invasive species reduces long term maintenance costs. Restoration and management practices should follow guidelines to minimize the introduction or movement of invasive species at the park. Park managers should also be aware of the potential of invasion by garlic mustard, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, spotted knapweed and purple loosestrife.

### OTHER CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES

These are lower priority ways to improve the natural resources in Civic Center Park and its vicinity.

**Teaching and Learning.** Replicate large prairies and savannas on the park's steep slopes, and install interpretive signage conveying the history of the park, its natural resources, and restoration activities. As part of this, access to Thompson Creek should be provided that is safe for people and not injurious to streambanks and vegetation.

**Citizen Science.** Involve La Vista residents in exploring and learning about the natural resources in the park. Host a bioblitz, which is a field inventory of all living things in the future Civic Center Park and Central Park. The challenge is to complete the inventory in 24 hours, including sampling the aquatic insects and fish in the stream, the birds nesting on the property, and the butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, wildflowers, and small mammals inhabiting the parks. Bioblitzes are becoming very popular because so much new information is gathered, and they are fun. A baseline could be established to measure future progress if a bioblitz were completed before the park was constructed. After construction, a bioblitz would show how much improvement has occurred.

**Community Support.** Explore creating a Friends-of-the-Park group. Such a group can provide volunteers to help with specific and safe tasks, or to assist in education activities, such as leafleting, or to help raise funds for park activities.

**Perpetual Stewardship Fund.** Develop a funding source to ensure sustainable stewardship of the park.

**Implement a Park Restoration and Management Plan.** This plan ensures that appropriate actions are taken to preserve and enhance the park's natural areas. This would include restoration and enhancement zones, methods, materials, a schedule, and monitoring. During and after implementation of the plan, use adaptive management so that adjustments can be made based on the park's response.

**Rare Species Management.** Identify rare plants and animals in the region and design park restoration activities to benefit these species. For example, Bald Eagle may benefit from a nesting platform in the park. This can also help create a unique park identity.

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**Make Larger Ecological Connections.** It is easy to connect to Central Park and follow Thompson Creek to Papillion Creek. The challenge is to make this a meaningful ecological connection. A bike and walking route can be constructed as part of creating the ecological connection. If other parkland and recreation land can be connected to the Thompson Creek spine, that would further enlarge the ecological and recreational network.

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**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JUNE 18, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
BID AWARD – LILLIAN AVENUE & JAMES AVENUE INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN KOTTMANN CITY ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared to award a contract to Swain Construction, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, for construction of the Lillian Avenue & James Avenue Intersection Reconstruction in an amount not to exceed \$46,287.80.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2012/13 Capital Fund Budget provides funding for the proposed project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval

**BACKGROUND**

On May 21, 2013, the City Council approved a resolution which authorized the advertisement for bids for the Lillian Avenue & James Avenue Intersection Reconstruction. The plans and specifications were designed in-house by the City Engineer with survey and drafting assistance from TD2. Bids were taken on June 10, 2013 at 10 am. Five contractors picked up plans and bids were received from all five contractors with results as follows:

Swain Construction, Inc.	\$46,287.80
Navarro Enterprise Construction, Inc.	\$49,958.50
TAB Construction Company	\$56,762.00
Omni Engineering	\$67,815.30
Mackie Construction, Inc.	\$72,215.00

The low bidder, Swain Construction, Inc. is a qualified contractor and it is recommended that a contract be awarded to them in an amount not to exceed \$46,287.80.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SWAIN CONSTRUCTION, INC., OMAHA, NE, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LILLIAN AVENUE & JAMES AVENUE INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,287.80.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vista has determined that the construction of the Lillian Avenue and James Avenue Intersection Reconstruction is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the FY 12/13 Capital Fund Budget provides funding for this project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the advertisement of bids for construction of the Lillian Avenue and James Avenue Intersection Reconstruction on May 21, 2013, and

WHEREAS Swain Construction Inc, Omaha, NE, has submitted the low, qualified bid, and

WHEREAS Subsection (C) (9) of Section 31.23 of the La Vista Municipal Code requires that the City Administrator secures Council approval prior to authorizing any purchase over \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska designate Swain Construction Inc, Omaha, NE as the low qualified bidder for the construction of the Lillian Avenue and James Avenue Intersection Reconstruction, in an amount not to exceed \$46,287.80.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

SUBMITTED PROPOSALS & COSTS		TAB Construction Co. 4153 South 67th St. Omaha, NE 68117		Swain Construction, Inc. 5002 North 35th Cir Omaha, NE 68134		Mackie Construction 3333 South 61st Ave. Omaha, NE 68106		Omni Engineering 14012 Giles Road Omaha, NE 68138		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	ITEM TOTAL	ITEM PRICE	ITEM TOTAL	ITEM PRICE	ITEM TOTAL	
1	Remove Ex. Pavement(Sawcut Incl)	580 SY	\$13.00	\$7,540.00	\$6,27	\$3,638.60	\$15.00	\$8,700.00	\$11.20	\$6,496.00
2	Remove Ex. Sidewalk (Sawcut Incl)	900 SF	\$1.10	\$980.00	\$0.96	\$864.00	\$1.90	\$1,710.00	\$1.35	\$1,215.00
3	Subgrade Preparation (See Special Provisions)	200 CY	\$15.00	\$3,000.00	\$34.85	\$6,970.00	\$75.00	\$15,000.00	\$75.80	\$15,750.00
4	Adjust Water Valve	1 EA	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$159.00	\$159.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$297.00	\$297.00
5	Adjust Manhole	1 EA	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$359.00	\$359.00
6	Remove & Re-Install Stop Sign	4 EA	\$110.00	\$440.00	\$176.00	\$704.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$136.00	\$544.00
7	Construct 9" Concrete Pavement Type L65	580 SY	\$69.00	\$34,220.00	\$46.15	\$26,767.00	\$55.00	\$37,700.00	\$53.00	\$30,740.00
8	Construct 6" Concrete Curb Ramp Type L6	280 SF	\$5.45	\$1,526.00	\$7.21	\$2,018.80	\$5.00	\$1,400.00	\$11.40	\$3,192.00
9	Construct 6" Imprinted Concrete Type L6	40 SF	\$11.00	\$440.00	\$3.91	\$396.40	\$15.00	\$600.00	\$25.60	\$1,024.00
10	Construct 4" Concrete Sidewalk Type L6	630 SF	\$6.00	\$3,780.00	\$4.02	\$2,532.60	\$3.50	\$2,205.00	\$3.65	\$2,299.50
11	Tie Bars, Drilled & Grouted	40 EA	\$9.30	\$332.00	\$5.37	\$214.80	\$8.00	\$320.00	\$14.00	\$560.00
12	Furnish & Install Detectable Warning Panels	64 SF	\$21.00	\$1,344.00	\$15.40	\$985.60	\$20.00	\$1,280.00	\$6.20	\$296.80
13	Scodding	120 SY	\$23.00	\$2,760.00	\$6.45	\$774.00	\$20.00	\$2,400.00	\$41.10	\$4,932.00
TOTAL BID FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13				\$55,762.00						\$7,815.30
Bid Bond, 5% of Bid, Yes or No										Yes

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# CITY OF LA VISTA, NE 2013

## Benchmark Report

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## UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK COMPARISONS

### COMPARISON DATA

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from approximately 500 jurisdictions whose residents evaluated local government services and gave their opinion about the quality of community life. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each jurisdiction; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant.

The jurisdictions in the database represent a wide geographic and population range as shown in the table below.

Jurisdiction Characteristic	Percent of Jurisdictions
<b>Region</b>	
West Coast <sup>1</sup>	17%
West <sup>2</sup>	20%
North Central West <sup>3</sup>	11%
North Central East <sup>4</sup>	13%
South Central <sup>5</sup>	7%
South <sup>6</sup>	26%
Northeast West <sup>7</sup>	2%
Northeast East <sup>8</sup>	4%
<b>Population</b>	
Less than 40,000	46%
40,000 to 74,999	19%
75,000 to 149,000	17%
150,000 or more	18%

<sup>1</sup> Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii

<sup>2</sup> Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico

<sup>3</sup> North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota

<sup>4</sup> Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin

<sup>5</sup> Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas

<sup>6</sup> West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC

<sup>7</sup> New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey

<sup>8</sup> Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine

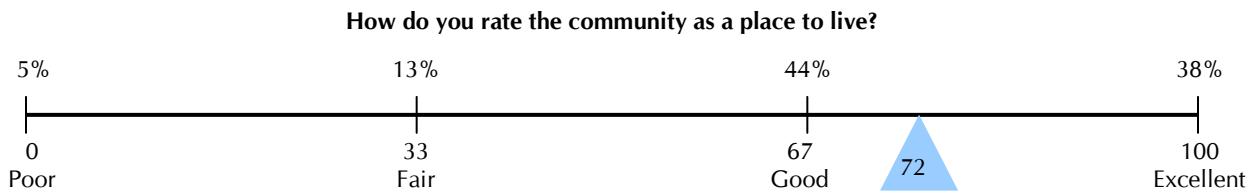
## PUTTING EVALUATIONS ONTO THE 100-POINT SCALE

Although responses to many of the evaluative questions were made on a four point scale with 1 representing the best rating and 4 the worst, the benchmarks are reported on a common scale where 0 is the worst possible rating and 100 is the best possible rating. The 95 percent confidence interval around an average score on the 100-point scale is no greater than plus or minus three points based on all respondents.

The 100-point scale is not a percent. It is a conversion of responses to an average rating. Each response option is assigned a value that is used in calculating the average score. For example, "excellent" = 100, "good" = 67, "fair" = 33 and "poor" = 0. If everyone reported "excellent," then the average rating would be 100 on the 100-point scale. Likewise, if all respondents gave a "poor", the result would be 0 on the 100-point scale. If half the respondents gave a score of "excellent" and half gave a score of "poor," the average would be in the middle of the scale (like the center post of a teeter totter) between "fair" and "good." An example of how to convert survey frequencies into an average rating appears below.

### Example of Converting Responses to the 100-point Scale

How do you rate the community as a place to live?						
Response option	Total with "don't know"	Step 1: Remove the percent of "don't know" responses	Total without "don't know"	Step 2: Assign scale values	Step 3: Multiply the percent by the scale value	Step 4: Sum to calculate the average rating
Excellent	36%	= 36 ÷ (100-5) =	38%	100	= 38% x 100 =	38
Good	42%	= 42 ÷ (100-5) =	44%	67	= 44% x 67 =	30
Fair	12%	= 12 ÷ (100-5) =	13%	33	= 13% x 33 =	4
Poor	5%	= 5 ÷ (100-5) =	5%	0	= 5% x 0 =	0
Don't know	5%		--			
Total	100%		100%			72



## INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

Average ratings are compared when similar questions are included in NRC's database, and there are at least five jurisdictions in which the question was asked. Where comparisons are available, three numbers are provided in the table. The first column is your jurisdiction's rating on the 100-point scale. The second column is the rank assigned to your jurisdiction's rating among jurisdictions where a similar question was asked. The third column is the number of jurisdictions that asked a similar question. The final column shows the comparison of your jurisdiction's average rating to the benchmark.

Where comparisons for quality ratings were available, the City of La Vista's results were generally noted as being "above" the benchmark, "below" the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark. For some questions – those related to resident behavior, circumstance or to a local problem – the comparison to the benchmark is designated as "more," "similar" or "less" (for example, the percent of crime victims, residents visiting a park or residents identifying code enforcement as a problem.) In instances where ratings are considerably higher or lower than the benchmark, these ratings have been further demarcated by the attribute of "much," (for example, "much less" or "much above"). These labels come from a statistical comparison of the City of La Vista's rating to the benchmark where a rating is considered "similar" if it is within the margin of error; "above," "below," "more" or "less" if the difference between your jurisdiction's rating and the benchmark is greater than the margin of error; and "much above," "much below," "much more" or "much less" if the difference between your jurisdiction's rating and the benchmark is more than twice the margin of error.

This report contains benchmarks at the national level.

## NATIONAL BENCHMARK COMPARISONS

Overall Community Quality Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of life in La Vista	74	122	424	Much above
Your neighborhood as place to live	76	74	286	Much above
La Vista as a place to live	80	83	349	Much above
Recommend living in La Vista to someone who asks	84	51	219	Much above
Remain in La Vista for the next five years	80	85	218	Similar

Community Transportation Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Ease of bus travel in La Vista	32	177	206	Much below
Ease of bicycle travel in La Vista	48	145	278	Similar
Ease of walking in La Vista	60	102	272	Above
Availability of paths and walking trails	52	131	219	Below
Traffic flow on major streets	61	20	274	Much above

Frequency of Bus Use Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Ridden a local bus within La Vista	4	168	180	Much less

Drive Alone Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Average percent of work commute trips made by driving alone	85	8	205	Much more

Transportation and Parking Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Street repair	62	39	406	Much above
Street cleaning	69	18	276	Much above
Street lighting	67	12	302	Much above
Snow removal	72	16	272	Much above
Sidewalk maintenance	61	42	268	Much above
Traffic signal timing	61	7	232	Much above
Bus or transit services	39	179	207	Much below
Amount of public parking	61	12	218	Much above

Housing Characteristics Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of affordable quality housing	61	9	289	Much above
Variety of housing options	63	33	211	Much above

Housing Costs Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Experiencing housing costs stress (housing costs 30% or MORE of income)	19	199	208	Much less

Built Environment Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Quality of new development in La Vista	58	81	265	Above
Overall appearance of La Vista	59	185	324	Similar

Population Growth Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Population growth seen as too fast	8	232	239	Much less

Nuisance Problems Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Run down buildings, weed lots and junk vehicles seen as a "major" problem	11	106	237	Similar

Planning and Community Code Enforcement Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Land use, planning and zoning	52	73	281	Much above
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	52	105	336	Much above
Animal control	64	34	300	Much above

Economic Sustainability and Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Employment opportunities	39	133	288	Similar
Shopping opportunities	41	220	274	Much below
La Vista as a place to work	58	120	315	Above
Overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista	53	145	209	Below

Economic Development Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Economic development	50	96	268	Above

Job and Retail Growth Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Retail growth seen as too slow	70	17	239	Much more
Jobs growth seen as too slow	65	203	241	Much less

Personal Economic Future Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Positive impact of economy on household income	21	67	233	Above

Community and Personal Public Safety Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
In your neighborhood during the day	95	38	321	Much above
In your neighborhood after dark	82	51	310	Much above
In La Vista's downtown area during the day	88	115	273	Above
In La Vista's downtown area after dark	75	75	278	Much above
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	84	59	276	Much above
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	74	45	277	Much above
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	88	11	211	Much above

Crime Victimization and Reporting Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Victim of crime	8	194	248	Less
Reported crimes	75	170	245	Less

Public Safety Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Police services	79	29	395	Much above
Fire services	79	129	322	Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services	79	95	304	Above
Crime prevention	72	39	324	Much above
Fire prevention and education	72	62	268	Above
Traffic enforcement	71	8	343	Much above
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	60	85	231	Above

Contact with Police and Fire Departments Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Had contact with the City of La Vista Police Department	32	91	117	Less
Overall impression of most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department	76	18	121	Much above
Had contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department	10	75	89	Less
Overall impression of most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department	81	63	91	Similar

Community Environment Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Cleanliness of La Vista	66	90	221	Above
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	54	109	218	Similar

Frequency of Recycling Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home	60	220	232	Much less

Utility Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sewer services	69	63	288	Much above
Storm drainage	66	28	340	Much above

Community Recreational Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Recreation opportunities	48	231	284	Much below

Participation in Parks and Recreation Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Used La Vista recreation centers	46	174	202	Much less
Participated in a recreation program or activity	32	222	233	Much less
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	77	231	242	Much less

Parks and Recreation Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
City parks	69	170	296	Similar
Recreation programs or classes	65	134	308	Similar
Recreation centers or facilities	64	108	262	Similar

Cultural and Educational Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	39	257	288	Much below
Educational opportunities	63	80	253	Much above

Participation in Cultural and Educational Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Used La Vista public libraries or their services	60	195	211	Much less
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in La Vista	25	143	150	Much less

Cultural and Educational Services Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Public library services	77	83	314	Above

Community Quality and Inclusiveness Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	60	117	291	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	62	70	262	Above
Availability of affordable quality child care	54	34	233	Much above
La Vista as a place to raise kids	78	85	350	Much above
La Vista as a place to retire	60	167	333	Similar

Services Provided for Population Subgroups Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services to seniors	64	79	284	Above
Services to youth	63	70	266	Much above
Services to low income people	55	31	238	Much above

Civic Engagement Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to participate in community matters	55	125	210	Similar
Opportunities to volunteer	55	186	211	Much below

Participation in Civic Engagement Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	15	234	242	Much less
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in La Vista	16	238	239	Much less
Participated in a club or civic group in La Vista	11	176	178	Much less
Provided help to a friend or neighbor	92	148	177	Similar

Voter Behavior Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Registered to vote	80	181	243	Less
Voted in last general election	74	124	243	Similar

Use of Information Sources Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Read La Vista Newsletter	87	60	172	Much more
Visited the City of La Vista Web site	60	115	207	Similar

Local Government Media Services and Information Dissemination Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Public information services	65	70	262	Above

Social Engagement Opportunities Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	54	121	201	Similar
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	60	136	162	Much below

Contact with Immediate Neighbors Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Has contact with neighbors at least several times per week	39	186	198	Much less

Public Trust Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Value of services for the taxes paid to La Vista	59	62	378	Much above
The overall direction that La Vista is taking	59	60	312	Much above
Job La Vista government does at welcoming citizen involvement	52	110	304	Above
Overall image or reputation of La Vista	63	148	309	Similar

Services Provided by Local, State and Federal Governments Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of La Vista	72	46	395	Much above
Services provided by the Federal Government	42	109	244	Similar
Services provided by the State Government	48	43	245	Above
Services provided by Sarpy County Government	60	10	179	Much above

Contact with City Employees Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Had contact with City employee(s) in last 12 months	33	266	278	Much less

Perceptions of City Employees (Among Those Who Had Contact) Benchmarks				
	La Vista average rating	Rank	Number of Jurisdictions for Comparison	Comparison to benchmark
Knowledge	77	55	313	Much above
Responsiveness	77	45	311	Much above
Courteousness	80	36	259	Much above
Overall impression	77	37	354	Much above

## JURISDICTIONS INCLUDED IN NATIONAL BENCHMARK COMPARISONS

Valdez, AK .....	3,976	Laguna Beach, CA.....	22,723
Auburn, AL.....	53,380	Laguna Hills, CA.....	30,344
Dothan, AL.....	65,496	Livermore, CA.....	80,968
Gulf Shores, AL .....	9,741	Lodi, CA .....	62,134
Tuskegee, AL.....	9,865	Long Beach, CA .....	462,257
Vestavia Hills, AL .....	34,033	Marin County, CA.....	252,409
Fayetteville, AR .....	73,580	Menlo Park, CA.....	32,026
Fort Smith, AR .....	86,209	Mission Viejo, CA.....	93,305
Little Rock, AR .....	193,524	Newport Beach, CA .....	85,186
Casa Grande, AZ .....	48,571	Palm Springs, CA .....	44,552
Chandler, AZ.....	236,123	Palo Alto, CA .....	64,403
Cococino County, AZ.....	134,421	Pasadena, CA.....	137,122
Dewey-Humboldt, AZ .....	3,894	Richmond, CA .....	103,701
Flagstaff, AZ .....	65,870	San Carlos, CA .....	28,406
Florence, AZ .....	25,536	San Diego, CA .....	1,307,402
Fountain Hills, AZ .....	22,489	San Francisco, CA .....	805,235
Gilbert, AZ .....	208,453	San Jose, CA.....	945,942
Goodyear, AZ .....	65,275	San Luis Obispo County, CA.....	269,637
Green Valley, AZ .....	21,391	San Mateo, CA .....	97,207
Kingman, AZ .....	28,068	San Rafael, CA .....	57,713
Marana, AZ .....	34,961	Santa Clarita, CA.....	176,320
Maricopa, AZ .....	43,482	Santa Monica, CA .....	89,736
Maricopa County, AZ.....	3,817,117	Seaside, CA.....	33,025
Mesa, AZ.....	439,041	South Lake Tahoe, CA.....	21,403
Nogales, AZ .....	20,837	Stockton, CA.....	291,707
Peoria, AZ .....	154,065	Sunnyvale, CA .....	140,081
Phoenix, AZ .....	1,445,632	Temecula, CA .....	100,097
Pinal County, AZ .....	375,770	Thousand Oaks, CA .....	126,683
Prescott Valley, AZ .....	38,822	Visalia, CA .....	124,442
Queen Creek, AZ .....	26,361	Walnut Creek, CA.....	64,173
Scottsdale, AZ .....	217,385	Adams County, CO .....	441,603
Sedona, AZ .....	10,031	Arapahoe County, CO.....	572,003
Surprise, AZ .....	117,517	Archuleta County, CO.....	12,084
Tempe, AZ .....	161,719	Arvada, CO .....	106,433
Yuma, AZ.....	93,064	Aspen, CO .....	6,658
Yuma County, AZ.....	195,751	Aurora, CO .....	325,078
Apple Valley, CA.....	69,135	Boulder, CO .....	97,385
Benicia, CA .....	26,997	Boulder County, CO .....	294,567
Brea, CA.....	39,282	Broomfield, CO .....	55,889
Brisbane, CA .....	4,282	Castle Rock, CO.....	48,231
Burlingame, CA .....	28,806	Centennial, CO .....	100,377
Citrus Heights, CA .....	83,301	Clear Creek County, CO .....	9,088
Concord, CA .....	122,067	Colorado Springs, CO .....	416,427
Coronado, CA .....	18,912	Commerce City, CO.....	45,913
Cupertino, CA .....	58,302	Craig, CO.....	9,464
Davis, CA .....	65,622	Crested Butte, CO .....	1,487
Dublin, CA.....	46,036	Denver, CO .....	600,158
El Cerrito, CA .....	23,549	Douglas County, CO .....	285,465
Elk Grove, CA .....	153,015	Eagle County, CO .....	52,197
Fremont, CA.....	214,089	Edgewater, CO .....	5,170
Galt, CA .....	23,647	El Paso County, CO.....	622,263

Englewood, CO	30,255	Delray Beach, FL	60,522
Estes Park, CO	5,858	Destin, FL	12,305
Fort Collins, CO	143,986	Escambia County, FL	297,619
Frisco, CO	2,683	Gainesville, FL	124,354
Fruita, CO	12,646	Hillsborough County, FL	1,229,226
Georgetown, CO	1,034	Jupiter, FL	55,156
Gilpin County, CO	5,441	Lee County, FL	618,754
Golden, CO	18,867	Martin County, FL	146,318
Grand County, CO	14,843	Miami Beach, FL	87,779
Greeley, CO	92,889	North Palm Beach, FL	12,015
Gunnison County, CO	15,324	Oakland Park, FL	41,363
Highlands Ranch, CO	96,713	Ocala, FL	56,315
Hudson, CO	2,356	Oviedo, FL	33,342
Jackson County, CO	1,394	Palm Bay, FL	103,190
Jefferson County, CO	534,543	Palm Beach County, FL	1,320,134
Lafayette, CO	24,453	Palm Coast, FL	75,180
Lakewood, CO	142,980	Panama City, FL	36,484
Larimer County, CO	299,630	Pasco County, FL	464,697
Littleton, CO	41,737	Pinellas County, FL	916,542
Lone Tree, CO	10,218	Port Orange, FL	56,048
Longmont, CO	86,270	Port St. Lucie, FL	164,603
Louisville, CO	18,376	Sanford, FL	53,570
Loveland, CO	66,859	Sarasota, FL	51,917
Mesa County, CO	146,723	St. Cloud, FL	35,183
Montrose, CO	19,132	Titusville, FL	43,761
Northglenn, CO	35,789	Winter Garden, FL	34,568
Park County, CO	16,206	Albany, GA	77,434
Parker, CO	45,297	Alpharetta, GA	57,551
Pitkin County, CO	17,148	Cartersville, GA	19,731
Pueblo, CO	106,595	Conyers, GA	15,195
Rifle, CO	9,172	Decatur, GA	19,335
Salida, CO	5,236	McDonough, GA	22,084
Summit County, CO	27,994	Peachtree City, GA	34,364
Teller County, CO	23,350	Roswell, GA	88,346
Thornton, CO	118,772	Sandy Springs, GA	93,853
Vail, CO	5,305	Savannah, GA	136,286
Westminster, CO	106,114	Smyrna, GA	51,271
Wheat Ridge, CO	30,166	Snellville, GA	18,242
Windsor, CO	18,644	Suwanee, GA	15,355
Coventry, CT	2,990	Valdosta, GA	54,518
Hartford, CT	124,775	Honolulu, HI	953,207
Dover, DE	36,047	Altoona, IA	14,541
Milford, DE	9,559	Ames, IA	58,965
Rehoboth Beach, DE	1,327	Ankeny, IA	45,582
Brevard County, FL	543,376	Bettendorf, IA	33,217
Cape Coral, FL	154,305	Cedar Falls, IA	39,260
Charlotte County, FL	159,978	Cedar Rapids, IA	126,326
Clearwater, FL	107,685	Clive, IA	15,447
Collier County, FL	321,520	Des Moines, IA	203,433
Cooper City, FL	28,547	Dubuque, IA	57,637
Dade City, FL	6,437	Indianola, IA	14,782
Dania Beach, FL	30,183	Muscatine, IA	22,886
Daytona Beach, FL	61,005	Urbandale, IA	39,463

West Des Moines, IA.....	56,609	Barnstable, MA .....	45,193
Boise, ID .....	205,671	Burlington, MA .....	24,498
Hailey, ID .....	7,960	Cambridge, MA.....	105,162
Jerome, ID.....	10,890	Needham, MA .....	28,886
Meridian, ID.....	75,092	Annapolis, MD.....	38,394
Moscow, ID .....	23,800	Baltimore, MD .....	620,961
Pocatello, ID .....	54,255	Baltimore County, MD .....	805,029
Post Falls, ID .....	27,574	Dorchester County, MD .....	32,618
Twin Falls, ID .....	44,125	Gaithersburg, MD .....	59,933
Batavia, IL .....	26,045	La Plata, MD .....	8,753
Bloomington, IL.....	76,610	Montgomery County, MD .....	971,777
Centralia, IL.....	13,032	Prince George's County, MD .....	863,420
Collinsville, IL .....	25,579	Rockville, MD .....	61,209
Crystal Lake, IL.....	40,743	Takoma Park, MD .....	16,715
DeKalb, IL .....	43,862	Freeport, ME .....	1,485
Elmhurst, IL .....	44,121	Lewiston, ME .....	36,592
Evanston, IL.....	74,486	Saco, ME .....	18,482
Freeport, IL.....	25,638	Scarborough, ME.....	4,403
Highland Park, IL.....	29,763	South Portland, ME .....	25,002
Lincolnwood, IL .....	12,590	Ann Arbor, MI.....	113,934
Lyons, IL.....	10,729	Battle Creek, MI .....	52,347
Naperville, IL .....	141,853	Bloomfield Hills, MI.....	3,869
Normal, IL.....	52,497	Escanaba, MI.....	12,616
Oak Park, IL .....	51,878	Farmington Hills, MI .....	79,740
O'Fallon, IL .....	28,281	Flushing, MI .....	8,389
Orland Park, IL.....	56,767	Gladstone, MI .....	4,973
Palatine, IL .....	68,557	Howell, MI .....	9,489
Park Ridge, IL .....	37,480	Hudsonville, MI .....	7,116
Peoria County, IL.....	186,494	Jackson County, MI .....	160,248
Riverside, IL .....	8,875	Kalamazoo, MI.....	74,262
Sherman, IL .....	4,148	Kalamazoo County, MI .....	250,331
Shorewood, IL .....	15,615	Midland, MI .....	41,863
Skokie, IL .....	64,784	Novi, MI .....	55,224
Sugar Grove, IL .....	8,997	Otsego County, MI .....	24,164
Wilmington, IL .....	5,724	Petoskey, MI .....	5,670
Brownsburg, IN .....	21,285	Port Huron, MI .....	30,184
Fishers, IN .....	76,794	Rochester, MI .....	12,711
Munster, IN .....	23,603	South Haven, MI .....	4,403
Noblesville, IN .....	51,969	Albert Lea, MN .....	18,016
Abilene, KS .....	6,844	Beltrami County, MN .....	44,442
Arkansas City, KS.....	12,415	Blaine, MN .....	57,186
Fairway, KS .....	3,882	Bloomington, MN .....	82,893
Garden City, KS.....	26,658	Carver County, MN.....	91,042
Gardner, KS.....	19,123	Chanhassen, MN.....	22,952
Johnson County, KS.....	544,179	Coon Rapids, MN .....	61,476
Lawrence, KS.....	87,643	Dakota County, MN .....	398,552
Mission, KS .....	9,323	Duluth, MN .....	86,265
Olathe, KS.....	125,872	East Grand Forks, MN .....	8,601
Roeland Park, KS .....	6,731	Edina, MN.....	47,941
Wichita, KS .....	382,368	Elk River, MN .....	22,974
Bowling Green, KY.....	58,067	Fridley, MN .....	27,208
New Orleans, LA.....	343,829	Hutchinson, MN .....	14,178
Andover, MA.....	8,762	Inver Grove Heights, MN .....	33,880

Mankato, MN .....	39,309	Summit, NJ .....	21,457
Maple Grove, MN .....	61,567	Albuquerque, NM .....	545,852
Mayer, MN .....	1,749	Farmington, NM .....	45,877
Minneapolis, MN .....	382,578	Los Alamos County, NM .....	17,950
Olmsted County, MN .....	144,248	Rio Rancho, NM .....	87,521
Savage, MN .....	26,911	San Juan County, NM .....	130,044
Scott County, MN .....	129,928	Carson City, NV .....	55,274
Shorewood, MN .....	7,307	Henderson, NV .....	257,729
St. Louis County, MN .....	200,226	North Las Vegas, NV .....	216,961
Washington County, MN .....	238,136	Reno, NV .....	225,221
Woodbury, MN .....	61,961	Sparks, NV .....	90,264
Blue Springs, MO .....	52,575	Washoe County, NV .....	421,407
Branson, MO .....	10,520	Geneva, NY .....	13,261
Cape Girardeau, MO .....	37,941	New York City, NY .....	8,175,133
Clay County, MO .....	221,939	Ogdensburg, NY .....	11,128
Clayton, MO .....	15,939	Blue Ash, OH .....	12,114
Columbia, MO .....	108,500	Delaware, OH .....	34,753
Ellisville, MO .....	9,133	Dublin, OH .....	41,751
Harrisonville, MO .....	10,019	Hamilton, OH .....	62,477
Jefferson City, MO .....	43,079	Hudson, OH .....	22,262
Lee's Summit, MO .....	91,364	Kettering, OH .....	56,163
Maryland Heights, MO .....	27,472	Orange Village, OH .....	3,323
Platte City, MO .....	4,691	Piqua, OH .....	20,522
Raymore, MO .....	19,206	Springboro, OH .....	17,409
Richmond Heights, MO .....	8,603	Sylvania Township, OH .....	18,965
Riverside, MO .....	2,937	Upper Arlington, OH .....	33,771
Rolla, MO .....	19,559	West Carrollton, OH .....	12,692
Wentzville, MO .....	29,070	Westerville, OH .....	36,120
Billings, MT .....	104,170	Broken Arrow, OK .....	98,850
Bozeman, MT .....	37,280	Edmond, OK .....	81,405
Missoula, MT .....	66,788	Norman, OK .....	110,925
Asheville, NC .....	83,393	Oklahoma City, OK .....	579,999
Cabarrus County, NC .....	178,011	Stillwater, OK .....	45,688
Cary, NC .....	135,234	Tulsa, OK .....	391,906
Charlotte, NC .....	731,424	Albany, OR .....	50,158
Davidson, NC .....	10,944	Ashland, OR .....	20,078
Durham, NC .....	228,330	Bend, OR .....	76,639
High Point, NC .....	104,371	Corvallis, OR .....	54,462
Hillsborough, NC .....	6,087	Forest Grove, OR .....	21,083
Huntersville, NC .....	46,773	Hermiston, OR .....	16,745
Indian Trail, NC .....	33,518	Jackson County, OR .....	203,206
Mecklenburg County, NC .....	919,628	Keizer, OR .....	36,478
Mooresville, NC .....	32,711	Lake Oswego, OR .....	36,619
Stallings, NC .....	13,831	Lane County, OR .....	351,715
Wake Forest, NC .....	30,117	McMinnville, OR .....	32,187
Wilmington, NC .....	106,476	Medford, OR .....	74,907
Winston-Salem, NC .....	229,617	Portland, OR .....	583,776
Wahpeton, ND .....	7,766	Springfield, OR .....	59,403
Grand Island, NE .....	48,520	Tualatin, OR .....	26,054
Lincoln, NE .....	258,379	Umatilla, OR .....	6,906
Papillion, NE .....	18,894	Wilsonville, OR .....	19,509
Dover, NH .....	29,987	Chambersburg, PA .....	20,268
Lebanon, NH .....	13,151	Cumberland County, PA .....	235,406

Kennett Square, PA.....	6,072
Kutztown Borough, PA.....	5,012
Radnor Township, PA.....	30,878
State College, PA.....	42,034
West Chester, PA.....	18,461
East Providence, RI.....	47,037
Newport, RI.....	24,672
Greer, SC .....	25,515
Rock Hill, SC.....	66,154
Rapid City, SD.....	67,956
Sioux Falls, SD .....	153,888
Cookeville, TN .....	30,435
Germantown, TN .....	38,844
Johnson City, TN .....	63,152
Morristown, TN.....	29,137
Nashville, TN .....	601,222
White House, TN .....	10,255
Arlington, TX.....	365,438
Austin, TX .....	790,390
Benbrook, TX .....	21,234
Bryan, TX .....	76,201
Burleson, TX.....	36,690
College Station, TX.....	93,857
Colleyville, TX.....	22,807
Corpus Christi, TX .....	305,215
Dallas, TX.....	1,197,816
Denton, TX.....	113,383
Duncanville, TX .....	38,524
El Paso, TX .....	649,121
Flower Mound, TX .....	64,669
Fort Worth, TX .....	741,206
Georgetown, TX .....	47,400
Houston, TX.....	2,099,451
Hurst, TX.....	37,337
Hutto, TX .....	14,698
La Porte, TX.....	33,800
League City, TX .....	83,560
McAllen, TX .....	129,877
McKinney, TX .....	131,117
New Braunfels, TX .....	57,740
Plano, TX .....	259,841
Round Rock, TX .....	99,887
Rowlett, TX .....	56,199
San Marcos, TX .....	44,894
Southlake, TX .....	26,575
Temple, TX.....	66,102
The Woodlands, TX.....	93,847
Tomball, TX .....	10,753
Watauga, TX.....	23,497
Westlake, TX .....	992
Park City, UT.....	7,558
Provo, UT.....	112,488
Riverdale, UT .....	8,426
Salt Lake City, UT .....	186,440
Sandy, UT .....	87,461
Saratoga Springs, UT .....	17,781
Springville, UT .....	29,466
Washington City, UT.....	18,761
Albemarle County, VA .....	98,970
Arlington County, VA.....	207,627
Ashland, VA.....	7,225
Botetourt County, VA .....	33,148
Chesapeake, VA .....	222,209
Chesterfield County, VA.....	316,236
Fredericksburg, VA.....	24,286
Hampton, VA .....	137,436
Hanover County, VA.....	99,863
Herndon, VA .....	23,292
James City County, VA .....	67,009
Lexington, VA .....	7,042
Lynchburg, VA .....	75,568
Montgomery County, VA .....	94,392
Newport News, VA.....	180,719
Norfolk, VA .....	242,803
Purcellville, VA .....	7,727
Radford, VA .....	16,408
Roanoke, VA .....	97,032
Spotsylvania County, VA.....	122,397
Virginia Beach, VA.....	437,994
Williamsburg, VA.....	14,068
York County, VA.....	65,464
Montpelier, VT .....	7,855
Airway Heights, WA .....	6,114
Auburn, WA .....	70,180
Bellevue, WA .....	122,363
Clark County, WA .....	425,363
Edmonds, WA .....	39,709
Federal Way, WA .....	89,306
Gig Harbor, WA .....	7,126
Hoquiam, WA .....	8,726
Kirkland, WA .....	48,787
Lynnwood, WA .....	35,836
Maple Valley, WA .....	22,684
Mountlake Terrace, WA .....	19,909
Pasco, WA .....	59,781
Redmond, WA .....	54,144
Renton, WA .....	90,927
Sammamish, WA .....	45,780
SeaTac, WA .....	26,909
Shoreline, WA .....	53,007
Snoqualmie, WA .....	10,670
Spokane Valley, WA .....	89,755
Tacoma, WA .....	198,397
Vancouver, WA .....	161,791
West Richland, WA .....	11,811
Woodland, WA .....	5,509

Yakima, WA .....	91,067	Oshkosh, WI .....	66,083
Chippewa Falls, WI .....	13,661	Racine, WI .....	78,860
Columbus, WI .....	4,991	Wauwatosa, WI .....	46,396
De Pere, WI .....	23,800	Wind Point, WI .....	1,723
Eau Claire, WI .....	65,883	Casper, WY .....	55,316
Madison, WI .....	233,209	Cheyenne, WY .....	59,466
Merrill, WI .....	9,661	Gillette, WY .....	29,087



# CITY OF LA VISTA, NE 2013

## Report of Open-ended Question

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## SURVEY BACKGROUND

### ABOUT THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY™

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality survey methods and comparable results across The National Citizen Survey™ jurisdictions. Participating households are selected at random and the household member who responds is selected without bias. Multiple mailings give each household more than one chance to participate with self-addressed and postage paid envelopes. Results are statistically weighted to reflect the proper demographic composition of the entire community.

The National Citizen Survey™ customized for this jurisdiction was developed in close cooperation with local jurisdiction staff. The City of La Vista staff selected items from a menu of questions about services and community problems; they defined the jurisdiction boundaries NRC used for sampling; and they provided the appropriate letterhead and signatures for mailings. City of La Vista staff also determined local interest in a variety of add-on options to The National Citizen Survey™ Basic Service.

## UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

### ABOUT CLOSED-ENDED AND OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Questions can either be asked in a closed-ended or open-ended manner. A closed-ended question is one where a set of response options is listed on the survey. Those taking the survey respond to each option listed. Open-ended questions have no answer choices from which respondents select their response. Instead, respondents must "create" their own answers and state them in their own words. The verbatim responses are categorized by topic area using codes. An "other" category is used for responses falling outside the coded categories. In general, a code is assigned when at least 5-10% of responses will fit the code.

Advantages of an open-ended question include:

- Responses are not prompted, allowing respondents to provide answers that are not anticipated or well known.
- This type of question tends to capture response options that come to mind most quickly.
- The final result can be richer, since verbatim responses are included in an appendix, giving you and others a chance to "hear" the voice of respondents in their own words.
- There is a smaller risk of missing important dimensions.

### VERBATIMS

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about the priorities of La Vista in the following question:

- What should be the highest priorities for the City of La Vista to make this community a better place to live?

The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in a table on the following page with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, each topic mentioned by a resident was categorized and counted for the table below. Those verbatim responses are grouped by the first topic listed in each comment whenever a respondent mentioned more than a single topic. Verbatim comments that contain more than one topic nevertheless appear only once (in the category of the first topic listed), however the analysis in the table below counts each of the topic areas given by all respondents regardless where those topics appeared in the comment.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the table of frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves.

What should be the highest priorities for the City of La Vista to make this community a better place to live?	
	Percent of Respondents
84th Street improvements	40%
More retail/restaurants, economic growth, jobs	17%
Recreation, parks, community activities	9%
Code enforcement, transportation, traffic, street improvements	7%
Safety	6%
Schools, education, youth	5%
Taxes, government	4%
Other	7%
Don't know/nothing	4%
Total	100%

## VERBATIM RESPONSES TO OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

### WHAT SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF LA VISTA TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?

#### 84th Street improvements

- Get businesses in the Brentwood & mall across it
- 84th St. Corridor - Wal-Mart/Baker Bldgs. - More good paying jobs more businesses to bring in more tax dollars - when making street repairs repair ALL of the pot holes not just some - IE 71st Ave. Josephine ALL the way north
- #1 84th street corridor development #2 Library & recreations availability for SIDs.
- Redeveloping 84th street.
- Improve 84th St. Create a downtown area.
- Revitalization of 84th street!
- 84th street! "planning" seems to be taking a long time with not much improvement seen. I think La Vista could support something like Aksarben village or midtown crossing.
- 84th street! & know removal in cul de sacs!
- 84th st corridor filled in carefully
- See what they now do to get business back on the small malls on 84th street.
- Complete 84th St.
- Continue the plan for development/improvement of 84th St. Limit/discourage future apartment development. Too many as is. Higher crime areas w/transient population.
- Developing 84th street for business & recreation.
- More job opportunities fit the old Wal-Mart mall.
- More retail businesses - especially on 84th street.
- Redevelop 84th street corridor
- 84th street improvement
- Bring new businesses to the area. Clean up the vacant buildings along 84th
- More shopping - Brentwood square and old Wal-Mart location - appears everything is moving to Papillion!
- Develop 84th street
- Concentrate on empty lot and no business on 84th and Brentwood. Where Wal-Mart used to be.
- New stores along 84th street
- Re-develop 84th st corridor.
- Encourage new stores in the shopping centers at 84th & Brentwood.
- Develop a defined downtown area. With buildings and services for government and private use. Make 84 St. A show piece. Make it look like a real town to others!
- Economic development & job creation. Also making use of empty retail spaces. There are several in the community-old Wal-Mart on 84th. The avenue-west of 84th. Grass growing in parking lots doesn't give the community a "safe" feeling.
- More development on 84th street. It looks so empty.
- Vision 84 south port shit or get off the pot!!
- Fill all old retail building sitting empty along 84th street.

- Development dors 84th street a NEW water park continued funding for education/teachers
- Development of 84th street corridor
- 84th street needs redeveloped - with all commercial property occupied. An ice rink would have been nice to equal ice time for the high school - but that has never been looked at.
- They need to add business to 84th St. To offer more jobs and to give the city a better appearance. Having empty run-down buildings makes it look bad and if there were places close that people could afford to shop at they would and it would keep the money here.
- 84th street, new businesses
- Bringing business & jobs back to the 84th st area
- Improve 84th St. Corridor
- Forget spending 8 to 10 million on a pool used 3 month per year spend your time looking for business or retail for 84 st per year example (sears-k-mart) (Shopko) La Vista-84 st would of been excellent for new SAC credit office being built in Papillion. Look at Ralston 84 st retail - all bay's are full refer last questions - why does La Vista charge a occupation tax on utilities - also why do I see 4 or 5 different trash service's services the city - city gov should do a better job for residents - (cut living expenses)
- Do something with Brentwood area and old Wal-Mart area
- Fix 84th St. Harrison to tiles. It is such an eyesore & contributes to La Vista's poor reputation.
- Fixup 84th street, do something with the pool-really, needs to be replaced. Get started on development by Cabela's-keep citizens more informed-quarterly newsletter is joke. Support the library a community center, these are both places that are for everyone. Find someway to encourage business to stay in La Vista. It seems everytime 2 business leaves we have more empty houses.
- 84th St. Development where do Wal-Mart was located.
- Improve overall appearance-especially 84th St. Improve shopping opportunities-providence recreational opportunities improve public transportation
- Develop more business growth on 84th st
- Revitalize 84th St. Brentwood square-Wal-Mart building-whole street
- Fix up 84th street. The old Baker's and Wal-Mart have been empty for too long.
- 84th street corridor - old Wal-Mart bldg and mostly empty strip mall
- Fixing the 84st corridor
- Follow thru with the vision 84 project
- Do something about the loss of shopping opportunities along 84th street. Get traffic lights more synchronized
- Improvement of 84th street Wal-Mart area both sides of 84th - Baker's area included.
- Get 84th st business back.
- Get Brentwood and the vacant Wal-Mart shopping center back up & running!!
- Get more business along 84th corridor. More restaurant.
- 84th street development
- Do something with empty buildings (old Wal-Mart) or turn them into a "downtown" La Vista
- Renovation of the 84th-st corridor. The loss at business has a negative impact in all residents.
- 84th street-Both business where walnut store is located & across the street needs business. We need a "midtown crossing" type of business movie more shopping & parking changes near Hacknash clothing store & Rehab. Would have better business & you could pull cas to the store door. Lots need to be changed on the Office Depot side. There is a clothing store going out of business there. I would love to stop but would prefer to pull up in front of the store especially in winter time. Too many stores are going out of business there. Also would love to see a Costco. So tired of Wal-Mart which draws in too many Mexicans in our area. This is when I have felt unsafe. Thank you.

- Leave the golf course alone & get business into the old Wal-Mart. Bakers location. Revamp w/o taking out something that helps pay for itself some what. Prove the police can & will be available to protect our community.
- Redevelopment of 84th St. Corridor
- I am concerned with the lack of progress on the 84th street corridor. This was once a vibrant shopping area that I supported and it makes me sad to see it become more rundown with more and more stores and businesses leaving everyday.
- Redevelop 84th street
- Get more businesses in old Wal-Mart joint & Bakers square all traffic goes to Papillion to Wal-Mart, houses & Shadowlake
- Something done to add business into the abandoned buildings left by Wal-Mart and Bakers, summer kitchen.
- Clean up 84th a Brentwood area! worried about the empty building & parking lots.
- Fill or re-evaluate vacant buildings- commercial areas- along 84th St.
- The old Wal-Mart area needs development. Hope to see more stores open up in that building.
- Better development of 84th st corridor
- Trying to replace business that have moved (ie, summer kitchen, Wal-Mart, etc) so locations aren't empty for long periods of time.
- Something done with the Wal-Mart area on 84th keeping the golf course it's a source of income for the city a park would be an expense.
- I agree with a lot of the "vision 84" plan marking it a destination for people. Mixed use housing. Easier public transportation for easier walking) etc.
- 84th street renewal
- Developing vision 84 provision for bicycle traffic bike lanes increase walking trials
- Get more business into the area on 84th street, maintain the golf course, walking trails could in other areas of the city
- Revitalize 84th st & old Wal-Mart & Bakers locations/ shopping centers. They look horrible empty and run down.
- Make vision 84 a reality. More sit down restaurants such as olive garden & red lobster. Also would like to have on Aldi's grocery store.
- Get the 84th street full of business the town is dieing. Fix the problems on 84th and take care of business-the Wal-Mart could be an movie theater. Fix it.
- The city of La Vista needs to work on building up 84th street and getting things in to the building that have been empty for many years that is a very popular street and it does not look good for the city to have all those building empty. I would really appreciate and my neighbors and friends if something good happen on 84th in the up coming year.
- Get the 84th street corridor back in business - I do not enjoy quality of life decreasing due to increasing taxes and lack of local stores - I hated to see every thing move to Papillion.
- Complete vision 84 to bring retail & food services to the abandoned shopping plaza's.
- The 84th street improvements will help. We need to cut down on the empty business.
- Do something with the all Wal-Mart are along bath side of 84th st - Brentwood area! La vista seems like a very nice community
- Something should be done about the old Bakers stores and the string buildings connected with the old Wal-Mart store
- Filling vacant building with businesses, especially the Wal-Mart ace.
- Vision 84, provide an excellent place for west La Vista, east La Vista & neighboring city residents to want to go. Make it as nice and as exciting as possible, don't hold back. A movie theatre would be an excellent addition.

- Do something with all the empty buildings on 84th street-the old Wal-Mart & the old Bakers. It looks trashy.
- Fix 84th st; 9th more business fix storm sewers/street east & 72nd st
- Revive the Wal-Mart shopping center with a restaurant and more stores
- Bring business back to 84th streets
- Vision 84
- 84th street Wal-Mart area is dead
- Bring some life back to 84th street retail areas, starting to look old and trashy.
- Teardown long standing, empty building & mall structures (Wal-Mart on 84th & Bakers/Gordmans). The reference to "down town" is strange. Where is down town" in La Vista. I've never seen it!
- Clean up 84th street Harrison to Giles more economic development neighborhood clean ups make home owners more responsible more community involvement to improve the growth of La Vista and keep businesses here.
- Re-development of 84th street.
- More business on 84th street.
- Need to fix the 84th street corridor. It looks seedy and unkept with hardly any business.
- Rehabilitating the old Bakers & Wal-Mart & areas bring in new shopping options. For example whole foods and or a bookstore (this was Papillion, but I miss having borders there!) or a movie theater!!
- Do something with the 84th & Giles empty store fronts on both sides of the street
- 84th st business Wal-Mart strip mall & the one across the street - they are empty and look bad. This reduces tax revenue, shopping options for residents and malls are town look bad.
- It would be nice to have the Baker's old Store made into something for employment to our community also the old Wal-Mart
- I think along something with the empty business on 84th St. I don't believe this reflects well on the city.
- 84th street, it's like driving thru a ghost town. It looks like dump. Need to concentrate efforts there & not so much west. It seems all soon shopping, dining & entertainment is moving south to Papillion. Clean up 84th street
- It breaks my heart to see all the shops on 84th empty the city needs to now the speed limit down on 84th & get some retail in there that would be desirable and noticed from the road. We don't have to swamp the whole thing get actually seek businesses and help support them. Don't totally redo the pool-make repairs and offer fun specials on the pool & golf course 84th is our downtown gets make it look like one- put a separate street in the parking lots of shopping centers on both sides- see the parking lot often as a street to get to no streets frills are now no grocery stores in La Vista why?
- 84th st improvement project
- Bring in more business fill vacant buildings improve the 84th street shopping area.
- Develop 84th st - on the east & west side between Harrison & Giles.
- Do something with the empty lots on 84th.
- Build 84th back up to prosperity make the pool a destination spot in metro Omaha area.
- 1 Bring in business to 84th St. 2 Improve school buildings (especially security)
- 84th street re-develop. South port/East port/west port business growth.
- Revitalization of abandoned Bakers & Wal-Mart facilities.
- Abort vision 84 project as it is today & start over with fresh perspective. Let the people decide & eliminate dictation of policy
- Redevelopment of the old Wal-Mart mall and development of swimming pools.

## More retail/restaurants, economic growth, jobs

- More shopping opportunities, more restaurants traffic flow on 84th street
- Better paying jobs & more recreational activities for kids as well as adults.
- More opportunities for jobs, cleaning up certain parts of the city, better and stronger city image, new flag/symbol, and more interaction with citizens.
- Provide more shopping
- Need more business development new swimming pool more modern better enforcement of speeding in school zones & pool parking
- Local job market
- More retail development, stop asking about a new pool and find a private ind. To build a water park with there money and not the tax payers of La Vista
- More retail
- Family style restaurants; movie theatres traffic control of running yellow lights bike lanes on road; more security of schools and home areas; La Vista city shopping areas to increase city revenue.
- Bringing in new retail to fill empty buildings.
- Get more business in the empty buildings it a down town area we have no place to shop in La Vista. We have to go to Papillion
- Work harder on getting business's here, like Papillion is doing and leave the golf course alone for the people that cant afford to pay higher fee, La Vista falls is now operating in the black so why take a good thing away
- Job growth, and more staff "to do". Also I am a paid firefighter and tried to help the city out with my services. They told me I had to go to school. I am more qualified then the fire chief of La Vista. I know Ralston VFD takes a large amount of La Vistas calls. I live less then 3/4 mile from fire station. This makes very little sense to me and hurts the people of La Vista. If you have question please contact me. [REDACTED]
- Develop the 24th street corridor encourage more shopping and restaurants.
- More grocery store options.
- We need more retail/restaurant areas soon! This vision 84 seems to be at a stall. We go to Papillion or Omaha for all our shopping needs. La vista looks run down and there is so much going on in other surrounding cities. La vista needs to get on it and get some retailers in here quickly. Maybe look at how hard it is for a new retailer to enter La Vista and offer incentives for building here.
- Figure that how to have combined in retail. Same in empty buildings and stay in La Vista instead of business moving to not trains (1) would be able to have a number of retail business like more grocery stores in La Vista around the 84th. Give a chance. Right now people live to places. Wood like to see shops though to walk to some where that would and coffee other beverages. Not really much here.
- Focus on bringing in new business and retail.
- Open more shopping centers, restaurants ect like Papillion.
- Quality restaurants. Develop open areas at 96th & Giles F/I Get the trailer at Cabelas out of there makes the place seem low rent put in a good sign or nothing at all.
- Business and economic growth.
- Bring in commercial/retailer to fill vacant retail buildings.
- A grocery store in the city so seniors can ride the city bus for grocery shopping- that is not available now.
- New stores & restaurants
- Retail shopping.

- Employment
- Attract businesses to the empty retail stores or tear the empty buildings down. Stop new development, preserve open spaces.
- More shopping and recreation, especially an upgraded city pool
- More business, such as shopping opportunities
- Job growth, affordable housing, bringing businesses to the city (both national chains & local) w/ possible advertising help
- Continue developing and bringing new businesses to area & increase property value
- Bring in higher quality retail business along with fine dining. La vista has more of there. I either go to Papillion or Omaha for this service. And please do something about the 84th corridor. It is very disappointing to see that nothing has been done in years! Even Ralston is doing more then La Vista is. How embarrassing.
- Encouraging retail growth (e.g. Filling empty store fronts @ location like 96th & Giles and maintaining the excellent parks & library programs!
- Try to fill empty retail buildings. Better upkeep on streets, overpass/bridges.
- Retail shopping
- Attract more restaurants (Non-fast food) - Finish movie theater/entertainment / restaurant area by Cabela's
- Attract new places to shop & more dinning
- A grocery store, department stores I feel La Vista is a very safe place to live.
- There is a downtown? Where? when you focus on Harrison to Just Giles. This city offers nothing but interstate access and its close to Papillion without paying their taxes Fancy police office and civil buildings, but what else is there? mini golf course? We dont even have a grocery store. Papillion does. Empty Wal-Mart buildings. Ralston FD seen as to be more of a first responder than our own FD. Oh try asking those companies that rent store space what they are asking for. Thats why they are empty.
- Economic growth
- Jobs shopping
- I would like to see more businesses above to La Vista.
- Attract more retail businesses. Seems like we are losing to Papillion. I opposed the pool because I was to conduct they added way to much to businesses. And our citizens paying for it would not have a discounted rate.
- Economical development - less trashy looking/closed businesses. It's horrible, not attractive at all communication about city events should be consistent. It's not always in the newsletter how do people know what's going on?
- Anchor shopping store in Brentwood square and fill empty spaces.
- Put a theater in fix up neighborhood parks
- More shopping and "destination" areas
- More shopping business
- To keep encouraging businesses to build in the community I believe having the police usable in the community is very important to keep the riff traffic or gapes out of the community.
- Job growth
- Utilize business space that is currently empty
- More shopping options.

## Recreation, parks, community activities

- Community activities and involvement; continued patrol to keep crime low; more parks and trails to encourage physical activity between people.
- Recreational activities
- Children's parks-some are dilapidated and unsafe. I drive to nicer parks passing the ones in my neighborhood because they're so awful
- Need new swimming pool (bigger & better & safe)
- Leave the golf course as is put new swim area in place of old
- Up grade the park on 76th & gasugh. The area between 72 & 84th is being neglected due to the manual development on the west side. Stricter law enforcement in the area between 72 & 84th I've seen the seen car parked for 6 mos or more in front of my house & not moved. It wouldnt start. It finally burned up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Accident? I wonder cops are called frequently to our neighborhood. feuding neighbours.
- 1) Pool, & recreation & job preparation programs for teens so they stay out of trouble. 2) Getting business in the areas on 84th st that are currently vacant.
- Walking trails for all neighborhoods.
- Better parks, more activities,
- Water park, more schools
- Parks! I love going to central park with my son during the day, but as soon as the middle school & high school get out its not great. I know that teens have just as much right to the parks as I do but I wish there was maybe more of a police presence. Especially in the evening. It's always whenever when a car just parks in the parking lot doesn't get out, and then leaves. Anyway, we love the parks and the new vision 84 plan!
- Build the swimming pool/water park. Take better care of the streets/parking lots/sidewalks. Pot holes are terrible.
- Providing recreational opportunities and keeping the city clean.
- Need a pool but not a fancy big one keep golf house We will have hyper inflation, so do not build the new plan.
- Parks add more flowers/ bushes, nicer signage more colorful Make vision 84 happen. It looks great & offers wonderful opportunities in jobs/parks/beautification/housing.
- More family functions - such as pancake breakfast @ city park w/Ron brown. Living w/ motivation & values. Healthy few lies build communities.
- Build & improve existing green space Giles to Brentwood & beyond. Reduce police force, we have to many on traffic. To much roads make 2 Kms speed limits consistent. Giles Rd has 4 different speed zones from I 80 to 72I to many speed traps. 96th street seems issue. Stop multiple pass after cleaning. Last same, plow west past my house 13 times in 5 hours 2" of snow. Make police slogan protect & serve from serve & harass to many cops not enough issues Tax A
- 1. Create a community garden on the vacant space on the boulevard 2. put in a ice skating area in central park 3. pick up traffic at central park, provide an additional auto for handicapped services during lunch pick ups, service is poor.
- Along the creek where all the houses were tore down for the papio creek fix needs something done a park or dog park
- Keep a public pool, change the law so households can have more than two dogs and enforce snow removal on side walks better.
- 1) A better pool 2) More bisness opeetunies to replace the old Wal-Mart store building 3) Reestablish left turn on parkd view & 84th.

- I strongly feel that La Vista needs to work towards the swimming pool & more. Our children need thatomenity for a safe & close place to go in the summer.
- Put in the water park I want a lazy river! Get rid of the costly golf corse make a park tear down the shopping site (Wal-Mart) and add to the water park of park
- Dog park, more restaurants, get the facilities going by Cabelas and do something with the old Wal-Mart store/area
- Fix Thompson creek
- As opposed to a single pool. I think a center like the liod center in believed would be a great addition. The current center lacks, side pool and walking track
- Develop a community recreation center newer longer to allow access for young and old, inden track & pool fitness activities etc. Clean up 84th St.

### **Code enforcement, transportation, traffic, street improvements**

- Cleaner streets, moving of tall weeds, that is very unwelcome to me
- Cleaness
- Renovation of blighted areas/commercial & residential. Curbing large scale commercial development in favor of more people-friendly retail environment, vision 84 is a great model carry that through the rest of the community.
- Bus service
- Traffic law enforcement; aggressive efforts to end blight and replace vacant business sites, such as the old Wal-Mart location.
- Getting rid of empty buildings
- Install a traffic signal on 107th files for safer, access for Brentwood aprt residents to get out.
- Clean safe environment for families continuing to offer the excellent education opportunities, focusing on families instead of profits.
- Clean up some neighborhoods east of 84th St.
- Repair & maintain streets on east side of 72nd Street. Secure rental housing to conform to safe standards.
- Clean up properties apartment complexes, stronger enforcement of city codes, fine enforcement after notified and person does not clean up property, too many vacant business buildings. La Vista still has reputation of "trashy"!
- Cleanliness, growth of business ex: movie theaters, restaurants.
- Fix roads. . . Then go back, and fix more roads. . .
- Maintenance and road repairs
- Keep there property clean a picked up on the outside of there homes. Also all these empty businesses is very sad waste of property.
- Clean up streets more and trash and the roads fix and a traffic light that work more on Grandville pkwy light by resume and the apartment shadow ridge.
- I moved to La Vista (Harrison Heights) mid July - the only think I can evaluate at the time is La Vista transportation (for the elderly. they do a great job!)
- Need to clear up some of there yards that people have moved out and it gets very run down, not appealing. 72nd & joseph ave. Plus people doing wood carving in (front) year. Bad looking. This is a neighborhood not a business area.
- I was recently sent a letter from the board of La Vista and it stated that we could not leave out trash cans & they must be in your garage if not trash day, while I understand the concern, I have had a change in my neighbor in the last 2 yrs. The new neighbor doesn't take care of his house. They neglect their lawn, so no matter how much we do to try to improve ours his always creeps into ours. Not to mention I think the first time they mowed their lawn was the first day of

winter. They have never showed since moving in last year I slipped & fell on this ice on his driveway & again on the sidewalk going to net my mail & nothing has changed this year, I think peoples safety is more important

## Safety

- To keep up the safety of all those who live in the community and to keep up with the quality of services and the quality of life.
- Safe neighborhoods good schools.
- Safety against crime
- Keep safe from crime & gangs, keep clean bring in new business pay for more sales tax for the city and business more people spending money in La Vista
- Safety
- Fire & ambulance need to be overhauled. A city this size should have a full time paid ambulance & partial paid fire dept.
- Full time fire department, commercial development, increase size or police dept., More corporation between La Vista & Papillion, all year school, code enforcement.
- Safety street repairs shopping
- Better police training, stop police car chases for minor traffic enforcement "ie" ran stop sign, no tail lite or 1-head lite.
- Safety from any gang activity curfews are good to keep.
- Safety, keeping taxes in line.
- Put up additional street lights on some streets in front of houses where the area is dark to help deter crime. Park crest drive for example.
- Keep it a safe place to live, would like to see more business & development of cover City Park c & signed up for emails to keep informed but dont get them.
- Good police and fire department service continue good show. Removal service and good streets. Clean and maintain parks.
- Full time fire and medical!
- Stricter drug test for fire department but if it is ok for volunteers to smoke weed they should be more discreet and not smoke weed in their cars with lights on them or small like marijuana when they go to Wal-Mart. Or don't put pictures of marijuana users and names on website.
- Full time fire department move quickly on improvements along 84th st get rid of the learning community (I understand this must be done @ state level)
- Have the law enforcement officers do their job well and treat all citizens with respect and fair, no matter of race or nationality.

## Schools, education, youth

- Good school system (expand) get rid of all the fire work stands especially New Year fireworks (wtf.)
- Reduced drug & alcohol abuse, especially in the PLHS community. Its hidden well but 1 used to go these so I know.
- Have more programs or classes to teach english to the other cultures that want to reside in La Vista.
- Support of youth activity, sports, education, community service - These "kids" are the future of La Vista & Sary county. I am 91 so many of the question are not applicable to me - keep our youngsters safe, happy, well educated & all will be well - God bless

- More elementary schools - get rid of the portable classrooms. They make the neighborhood look very trashy.
- Continued focus on high-quality education; community safety. (low crime rates). Emphasis on public health & wellness (parks, bike paths, trails, etc.) Community enjoyment & activity.
- Provide more activities for teens, such as movie theater. Skating & movies for the entire family fill the empty buildings instead of building more past 120th & Giles rd.
- More youth activities, more lighting in neighborhoods, more apartments
- Improve youth recreational opportunities. Provide more shopping centers or activities for the youth and their family to enjoy on 84th by using the old Wal-Mart Bakers buildings.
- Place for children - teens to go to learn and activities - sports
- Schools
- More activities for children / teens such as movie theater, skating rink, game\ gallery build up the area business where Baker was & where Wal-Mart was.
- #1 - The education @ schools for a disabled child is outstanding but there is nothing for them to do outside of school. None of the parks have any activities for a wheelchair bound child to do. A swing or 2 at a few parks would be incredible! Someday you can have a park where all my children can play at!
- Our youths.

### **Taxes, government**

- Use/spend tax money wisely. We don't need subsidize the building of hotels if we are not paid when built. If golf course is losing money change it to make it profitable or close it.
- Property taxes to high.
- Keep taxes at a minimum -The city doesn't need to have the best of everything.
- Consider casino's to lower taxes and increase revenue: solicit grocery stores retail in general. Less police presence!!
- Provide tax breaks to singles. With no children. This can increase home ownership of the smaller homes available in La Vista.
- Watch the house taxes. We are getting ready to retire in a few years and when you pay over \$300 per mo on taxes we are not sure if we will be able to handle that to stay here. We hate the thought that just because we are at the age of retirement you can't afford to stay in your home. Especially when you pay taxes all your life. We need to think about all of us baby boomers coming into cities
- More direct response to questions/complaints from the citizens. I called 5 weeks in a row to complain about the neighbors abandoned car before it was ticketed. I called to request a drive-by from Santa and was assured the would come by and he didn't. During movie nights in the summer a visit by police would be nice. I don't care about progress to the west, but I miss Bakers, Wal-Mart, avenue, Gordman's etc, I hear we are having hobby lobby too. Fixit! I've paid my taxes for 30 years - make my life better.
- When asking input from your residents, to actually listen and try to help instead of giving them the run-around when there is an issue of concern.
- Make sure we keep Doug Kindig as our mayor and that he keeps up the energy he displays for our city.
- Reasonable spending and lower taxes.
- Keep taxes under control, Economic Development stay in touch with citizens.
- La Vista-Papillion & surrounding area spends money that you don't have you tax-spend us right out of. Your community families in La Vista especially are healthy you cannot control growth. Government growth!

- Lower real estate taxes- we're in the same school district as Papillion yet a house in Papillion with the same assessed amount has an annual tax of 150 less than mine.
- Lower taxes
- Lower taxes of all kinds, reduce the involvement of government in our lives.
- Communication between the city of La Vista & its people. I live in an apartment complex so now could that be possible?

## Other

- Having property management of apartment buildings look into all cases of rude neighbors without blaming the victim for the problems they are having.
- For me personally: get Thompson creek stabilization done.
- It sure is not turning a pay to play golf course into a city park that will only cost money to maintain. Biggest problem with city is no downtown. What we have is 2 big shopping centers that are almost totally empty & turning the golf course into a park will make no difference in changing this. Where are the owners of the shop centers? Do they not care if they make money on their investment here? Do they still think they can command a premium lease price in these times? What is Papillion doing different that they get business growth? may be Papillion & La Vista should become one city.
- Combine w/ Papillion become more effecient build a olive garden
- (1) Popeye's never shovels walks. (2) Townhouse's across from fire station on Parkview need to cleanup, they look trashy and give La Vista a bad image (3) Empty strip malls, don't look good for La Vista. (4) Parks need to be updated with equipment for children, Ralston's are awesome! (5) Update schools to be safer from tragedy.
- I feel one trash service should be in the area after children are in school - so many trash company in the morning make it very unsafe for children going to school. Our streets are not wide enough for the trucks our snow removable in not very good in old La Vista.
- Keep improving
- Use xmas lighting, that is connected to xmas. Instead of modern art.
- Helping the elderly & retired citizens with snow removal in the winter a lot of them should no be removing snow due to bypass surgeries-male & female
- This is just my thought, and its selfish to my situation. I would love trees planted along Harrison to block some of the traffic noise.
- I would like to see Ralston, La Vista and Papillion merger and make a single town instead of competing.
- Snow removal special on front of "driveway" La Vista central park tennis course need some work Note: In 2005 or 2006 I send in written request for street sign for my son who is deaf and never hear back from any body from La Vista.
- Improve by replacing all old sewer lines, even if this means digging up neighborhood streets, this means the old sewer mains in the middle of old neighborhood streets.
- Two things - require apt complexes to offer recycling. Any company offered incentives to build in vista should be partially responsible for demolition of buildings left behind if they relocate Gordmans, Wal-Mart, Bakers
- What the city allowed to happen in cimarron woods is unacceptable. They allowed a showcase neighborhood for the 96th St. Corridor to mix in shacks in a premiere neighborhood. At least southwinds managed to stay the course in consistent housing. Whoever allowed that to happen needs to be fired.
- Should have a place for moved grass deposits - municipal golf course - develop south port as a visitor center

- Environmental quality Increased biodiversity Decreased local threats to natural biodiversity
- Update books in library, bring in more retail stores, increase biking/walking paths
- animals seen round police facility. Try to keep not all business instead of Papillion

### **Don't know/nothing**

- Continue in the same direction.
- Just help our service in La Vista on track - make necessary changes when needed! Great job in keeping our taxes in check!
- Keep doing what your doing
- Don't know
- Maintain current level
- Completely satisfied
- I've only lived in Lv for 3 mo. Sorry I can't be more help. I spend most of my time & \$\$ in Papillion. (Sarpy county YMCA) and shopping there.
- No comment
- Don't know.
- Just moved here in June don't know anything.
- It appears from this survey that you are trying all the right things. You certainly show much, much interest in bettering La Vista. Glad & moved here 10 months ago!
- I have only lived in La Vista for one year & because I'm a senior and dont get out that much experience a whole varieties of things I'm impressed with what I've experienced so far. Great police patrol!
- Do what you can afford
- Fine the way it is.



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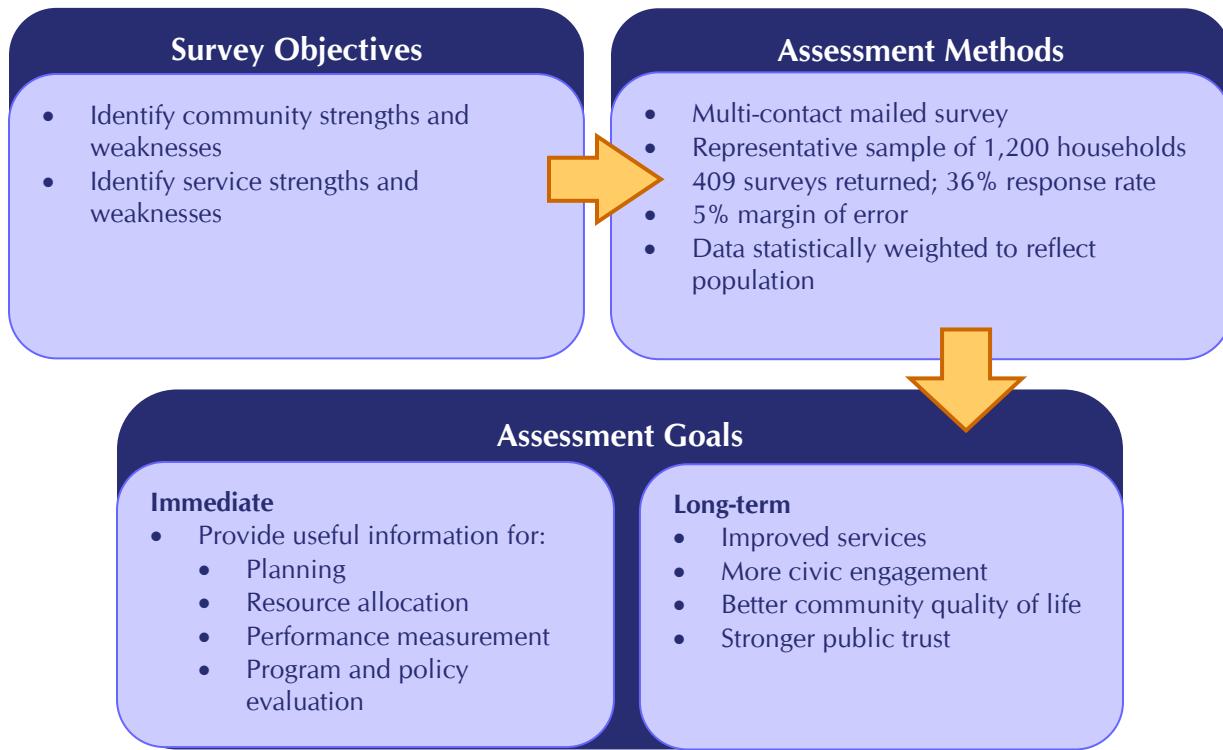
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## SURVEY BACKGROUND

### ABOUT THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY™

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The NCS was developed by NRC to provide a statistically valid survey of resident opinions about community and services provided by local government. The survey results may be used by staff, elected officials and other stakeholders for community planning and resource allocation, program improvement and policy making.

FIGURE 1: THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY™ METHODS AND GOALS



The NCS focuses on a series of community characteristics and local government services, as well as issues of public trust. Resident behaviors related to civic engagement in the community also were measured in the survey.

FIGURE 2: THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY™ FOCUS AREAS



The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The National Citizen Survey™ jurisdictions. Participating households are selected at random and the household member who responds is selected without bias. Multiple mailings give each household more than one chance to participate with self-addressed and postage-paid envelopes. Results are statistically weighted to reflect the proper demographic composition of the entire community. A total of 409 completed surveys were obtained, providing an overall response rate of 36%. Typically, response rates obtained on citizen surveys range from 25% to 40%.

The National Citizen Survey™ customized for the City of La Vista was developed in close cooperation with local jurisdiction staff. La Vista staff selected items from a menu of questions about services and community issues and provided the appropriate letterhead and signatures for mailings. City of La Vista staff also augmented The National Citizen Survey™ basic service through a variety of options including several custom questions.

## UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

As shown in Figure 2, this report is based around respondents' opinions about eight larger categories: community quality, community design, public safety, environmental sustainability, recreation and wellness, community inclusiveness, civic engagement and public trust. Each report section begins with residents' ratings of community characteristics and is followed by residents' ratings of service quality. For all evaluative questions, the percent of residents rating the service or community feature as "excellent" or "good" is presented. To see the full set of responses for each question on the survey, please see Appendix A: Complete Survey Frequencies.

### Margin of Error

The margin of error around results for the City of La Vista Survey (409 completed surveys) is plus or minus five percentage points. This is a measure of the precision of your results; a larger number of completed surveys gives a smaller (more precise) margin of error, while a smaller number of surveys yields a larger margin of error. With your margin of error, you may conclude that when 60% of survey respondents report that a particular service is "excellent" or "good," somewhere between 55-65% of all residents are likely to feel that way.

### Comparing Survey Results

Certain kinds of services tend to be thought better of by residents in many communities across the country. For example, public safety services tend to be received better than transportation services by residents of most American communities. Where possible, the better comparison is not from one service to another in the City of La Vista, but from City of La Vista services to services like them provided by other jurisdictions.

### Interpreting Comparisons to Previous Years

This report contains comparisons with prior years' results. In this report, we are comparing this year's data with existing data in the graphs. Differences between years can be considered "statistically significant" if they are greater than seven percentage points. Trend data for your jurisdiction represent important comparison data and should be examined for improvements or declines. Deviations from stable trends over time, especially represent opportunities for understanding how local policies, programs or public information may have affected residents' opinions.

### Benchmark Comparisons

NRC's database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from approximately 500 jurisdictions whose residents evaluated local government services and gave their opinion about the quality of community life. The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each jurisdiction; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant.

The City of La Vista chose to have comparisons made to the entire database. A benchmark comparison (the average rating from all the comparison jurisdictions where a similar question was asked) has been provided when a similar question on the City of La Vista survey was included in NRC's database and there were at least five jurisdictions in which the question was asked. For most questions compared to the entire dataset, there were more than 100 jurisdictions included in the benchmark comparison.

Where comparisons for quality ratings were available, the City of La Vista results were generally noted as being “above” the benchmark, “below” the benchmark or “similar” to the benchmark. For some questions – those related to resident behavior, circumstance or to a local problem – the comparison to the benchmark is designated as “more,” “similar” or “less” (for example, the percent of crime victims, residents visiting a park or residents identifying code enforcement as a problem.) In instances where ratings are considerably higher or lower than the benchmark, these ratings have been further demarcated by the attribute of “much,” (for example, “much less” or “much above”). These labels come from a statistical comparison of the City of La Vista’s rating to the benchmark.

### **“Don’t Know” Responses and Rounding**

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in Appendix A. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the body of the report. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

For some questions, respondents were permitted to select more than one answer. When the total exceeds 100% in a table for a multiple response question, it is because some respondents did select more than one response. When a table for a question that only permitted a single response does not total to exactly 100%, it is due to the customary practice of percentages being rounded to the nearest whole number.

For more information on understanding The NCS report, please see Appendix B: Survey Methodology.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report of the City of La Vista survey provides the opinions of a representative sample of residents about community quality of life, service delivery, civic participation and unique issues of local interest. A periodic sounding of resident opinion offers staff, elected officials and other stakeholders an opportunity to identify challenges and to plan for and evaluate improvements and to sustain services and amenities for long-term success.

Most residents experienced a good quality of life in the City of La Vista and believed the City was a good place to live. The overall quality of life in the City of La Vista was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 90% of respondents. Almost all reported they plan on staying in the City of La Vista for the next five years.

A variety of characteristics of the community were evaluated by those participating in the study. The three characteristics receiving the most favorable ratings were the cleanliness of La Vista, the variety of housing options and educational opportunities. The three characteristics receiving the least positive ratings were opportunities to attend cultural activities, employment opportunities and ease of bus travel in La Vista.

Ratings of community characteristics were compared to the benchmark database. Of the 25 characteristics for which comparisons were available, 10 were above the national benchmark comparison, seven were similar to the national benchmark comparison and eight were below.

Residents in the City of La Vista were minimally civically engaged. While only 15% had attended a meeting of local elected public officials or other local public meeting in the previous 12 months, 92% had provided help to a friend or neighbor. Less than half had volunteered their time to some group or activity in the City of La Vista, which was lower than the benchmark.

In general, survey respondents demonstrated strong trust in local government. A majority rated the overall direction being taken by the City of La Vista as "excellent" or "good." This was higher than the benchmark. Those residents who had interacted with an employee of the City of La Vista in the previous 12 months gave high marks to those employees. Nearly all rated their overall impression of employees as "excellent" or "good."

On average, residents gave generally favorable ratings to most local government services. City services rated were able to be compared to the benchmark database. Of the 29 services for which comparisons were available, 23 were above the benchmark comparison, five were similar to the benchmark comparison and one was below.

Respondents were asked to rate how frequently they participated in various activities in La Vista. The most popular activities included providing help to a friend or neighbor and reading the La Vista newsletter; while the least popular activities were participating in a club and riding a local bus. Generally, participation rates in the various activities in the community were lower than other communities.

Compared to the 2007 survey results, ratings increased for snow removal, traffic signal timing, safety from property crimes and for City employee's knowledge, courtesy and overall impression. However, ratings decreased for the overall quality of new development, the overall appearance of La Vista, land use, planning and zoning, code enforcement, shopping opportunities and economic development.

A Key Driver Analysis was conducted for the City of La Vista which examined the relationships between ratings of each service and ratings of the City of La Vista's services overall. Those key driver services that correlated most strongly with residents' perceptions about overall City service quality have been identified. By targeting improvements in key services, the City of La Vista can focus on the services that have the greatest likelihood of influencing residents' opinions about overall service quality. Services found to be influential in ratings of overall service quality from the Key Driver Analysis were:

- Economic development
- Fire services

Of these services, those deserving the most attention may be that which was similar to the benchmark comparisons: fire services. For economic development services, the City of La Vista was above the benchmark and should continue to ensure high quality performance.

## COMMUNITY RATINGS

### OVERALL COMMUNITY QUALITY

Overall quality of community life may be the single best indicator of success in providing the natural ambience, services and amenities that make for an attractive community. The National Citizen Survey™ contained many questions related to quality of community life in the City of La Vista – not only direct questions about quality of life overall and in neighborhoods, but questions to measure residents' commitment to the City of La Vista. Residents were asked whether they planned to move soon or if they would recommend the City of La Vista to others. Intentions to stay and willingness to make recommendations provide evidence that the City of La Vista offers services and amenities that work.

Most of the City of La Vista's residents gave high ratings to their neighborhoods and the community as a place to live. Further, many reported they would recommend the community to others and plan to stay for the next five years.

FIGURE 3: RATINGS OF OVERALL COMMUNITY QUALITY BY YEAR

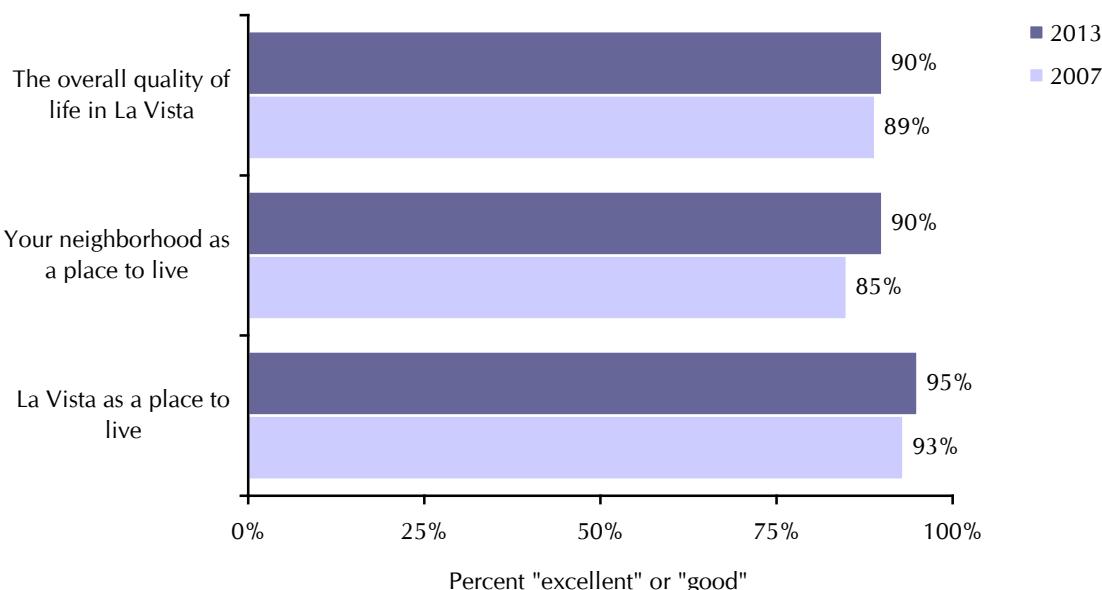


FIGURE 4: LIKELIHOOD OF REMAINING IN COMMUNITY AND RECOMMENDING COMMUNITY

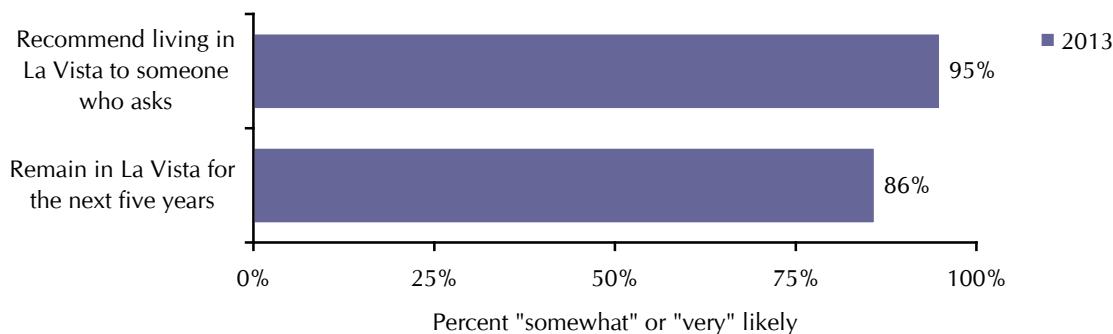


FIGURE 5: OVERALL COMMUNITY QUALITY BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Overall quality of life in La Vista	Much above
Your neighborhood as place to live	Much above
La Vista as a place to live	Much above
Recommend living in La Vista to someone who asks	Much above
Remain in La Vista for the next five years	Similar

## COMMUNITY DESIGN

### Transportation

The ability to move easily throughout a community can greatly affect the quality of life of residents by diminishing time wasted in traffic congestion and by providing opportunities to travel quickly and safely by modes other than the automobile. High quality options for resident mobility not only require local government to remove barriers to flow but they require government programs and policies that create quality opportunities for all modes of travel.

Residents responding to the survey were given a list of five aspects of mobility to rate on a scale of "excellent," "good," "fair" and "poor." Traffic flow was given the most positive rating, followed by ease of walking. These ratings varied compared the national benchmark and were similar to years past where questions were asked.

FIGURE 6: RATINGS OF TRANSPORTATION IN COMMUNITY BY YEAR

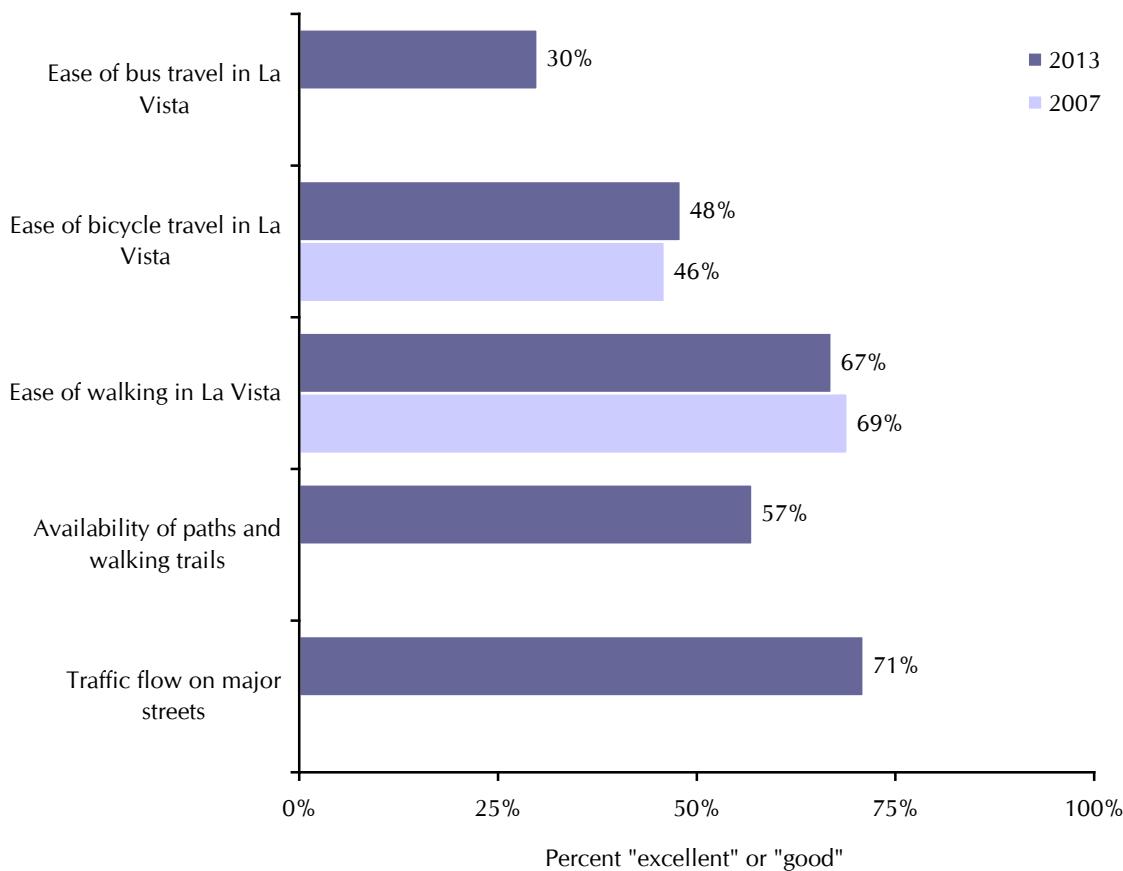


FIGURE 7: COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Ease of bus travel in La Vista	Much below
Ease of bicycle travel in La Vista	Similar
Ease of walking in La Vista	Above
Availability of paths and walking trails	Below
Traffic flow on major streets	Much above

Eight transportation services were rated in La Vista. As compared to most communities across America, ratings tended to be favorable. Seven services were much above the benchmark and one service was much below the benchmark.

FIGURE 8: RATINGS OF TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING SERVICES BY YEAR

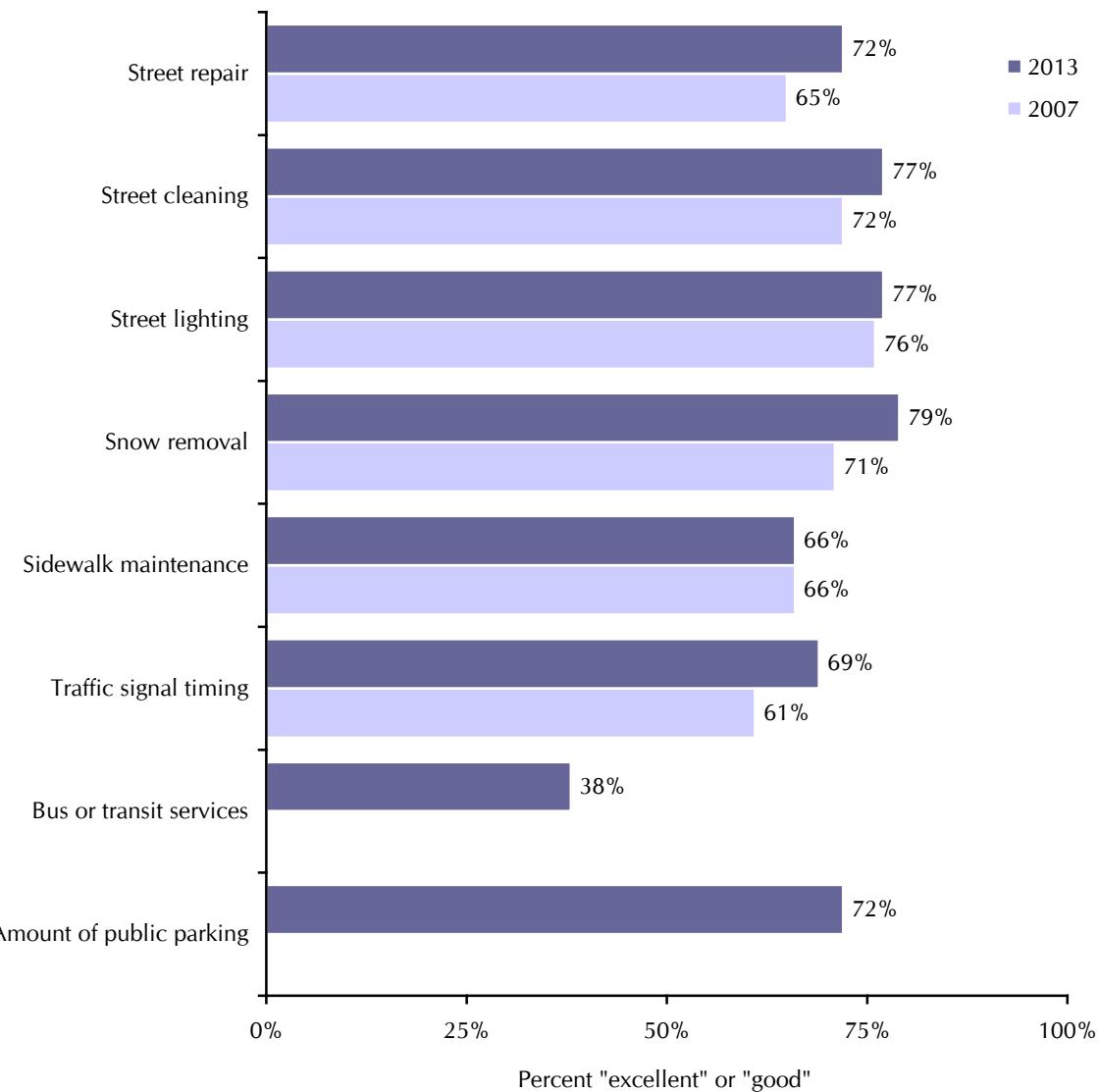


FIGURE 9: TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Street repair	Much above
Street cleaning	Much above
Street lighting	Much above
Snow removal	Much above
Sidewalk maintenance	Much above
Traffic signal timing	Much above
Bus or transit services	Much below
Amount of public parking	Much above

By measuring choice of travel mode over time, communities can monitor their success in providing attractive alternatives to the traditional mode of travel, the single-occupied automobile. When asked how they typically traveled to work, single-occupancy (SOV) travel was the overwhelming mode of use. However, 11% of work commute trips were made by carpooling and 1% by foot.

FIGURE 10: FREQUENCY OF BUS USE IN LAST 12 MONTHS

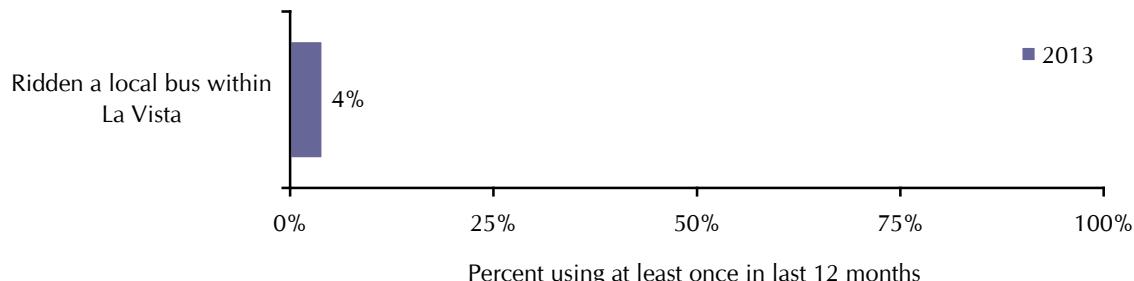


FIGURE 11: FREQUENCY OF BUS USE BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Ridden a local bus within La Vista	Much less

FIGURE 12: MODE OF TRAVEL USED FOR WORK COMMUTE

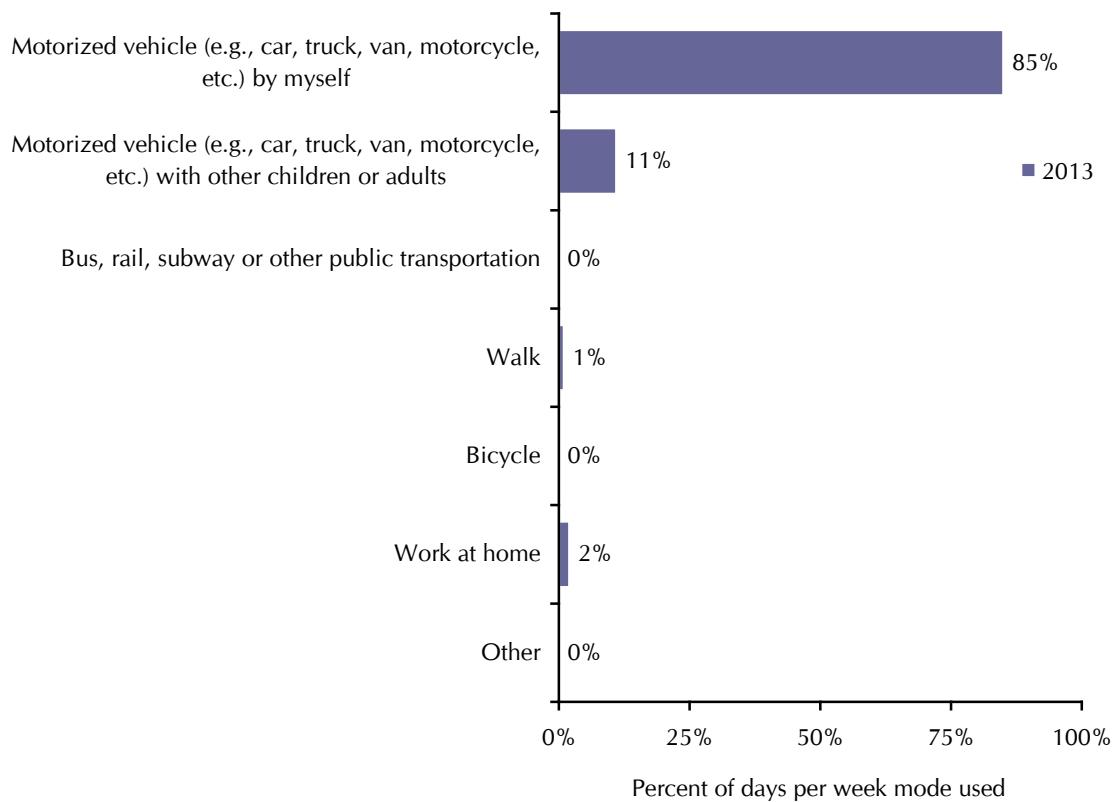


FIGURE 13: DRIVE ALONE BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Average percent of work commute trips made by driving alone	Much more

## Housing

Housing variety and affordability are not luxuries for any community. When there are too few options for housing style and affordability, the characteristics of a community tilt toward a single group, often of well-off residents. While this may seem attractive to a community, the absence of affordable townhomes, condominiums, mobile homes, single family detached homes and apartments means that in addition to losing the vibrancy of diverse thoughts and lifestyles, the community loses the service workers that sustain all communities – police officers, school teachers, house painters and electricians. These workers must live elsewhere and commute in at great personal cost and to the detriment of traffic flow and air quality. Furthermore lower income residents pay so much of their income to rent or mortgage that little remains to bolster their own quality of life or local business.

The survey of the City of La Vista residents asked respondents to reflect on the availability of affordable housing as well as the variety of housing options. The availability of affordable housing was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 70% of respondents, while the variety of housing options was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 74% of respondents. The rating of perceived affordable housing availability was better in the City of La Vista than the ratings, on average, in comparison jurisdictions.

FIGURE 14: RATINGS OF HOUSING IN COMMUNITY BY YEAR

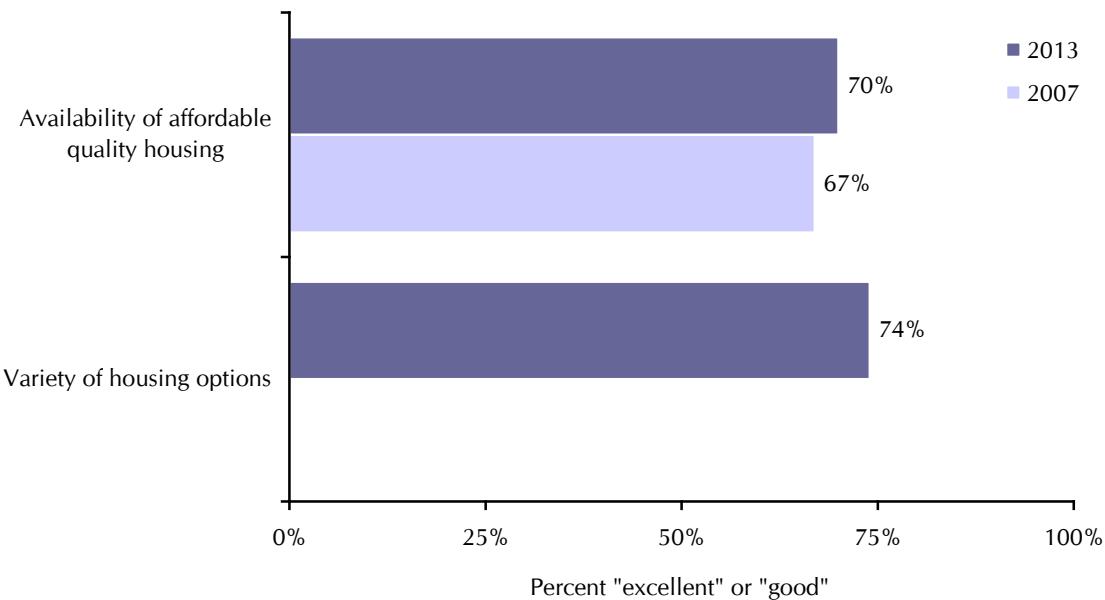


FIGURE 15: HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Availability of affordable quality housing	Much above
Variety of housing options	Much above

To augment the perceptions of affordable housing in La Vista, the cost of housing as reported in the survey was compared to residents' reported monthly income to create a rough estimate of the proportion of residents of the City of La Vista experiencing housing cost stress. Almost 20% of survey participants were found to pay housing costs of more than 30% of their monthly household income.

FIGURE 16: PROPORTION OF RESPONDENTS EXPERIENCING HOUSING COST STRESS

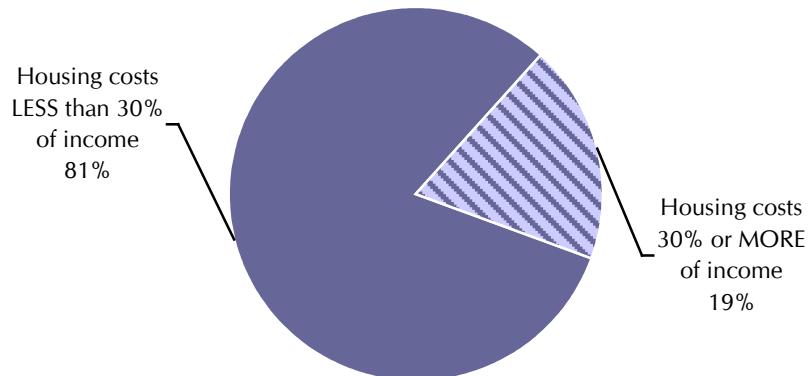


FIGURE 17: HOUSING COSTS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Experiencing housing costs stress (housing costs 30% or MORE of income)	Much less

## Land Use and Zoning

Community development contributes to a feeling among residents and even visitors of the attention given to the speed of growth, the location of residences and businesses, the kind of housing that is appropriate for the community and the ease of access to commerce, green space and residences. Even the community's overall appearance often is attributed to the planning and enforcement functions of the local jurisdiction. Residents will appreciate an attractive, well-planned community. The NCS questionnaire asked residents to evaluate the quality of new development, the appearance of the City of La Vista and the speed of population growth. Problems with the appearance of property were rated, and the quality of land use planning, zoning and code enforcement services were evaluated.

The overall quality of new development in the City of La Vista was rated as "excellent" by 20% of respondents and as "good" by an additional 44%. The overall appearance of La Vista was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 65% of respondents and was similar to the benchmark. When rating to what extent run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles were a problem in the City of La Vista, 11% thought they were a "major" problem. The services of land use, planning and zoning, code enforcement and animal control were rated above the benchmark. Ratings decreased for the overall quality of new development and the overall appearance of La Vista as well as for the services of land use, planning and zoning and code enforcement when compared to past years.

FIGURE 18: RATINGS OF THE COMMUNITY'S "BUILT ENVIRONMENT" BY YEAR

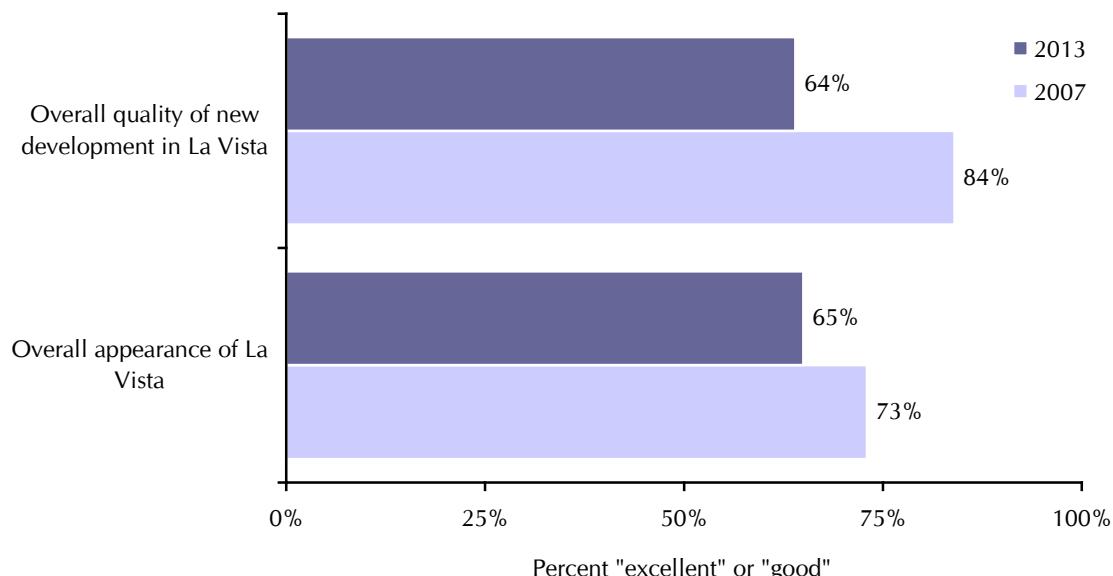


FIGURE 19: BUILT ENVIRONMENT BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Quality of new development in La Vista	Above
Overall appearance of La Vista	Similar

FIGURE 20: RATINGS OF POPULATION GROWTH BY YEAR

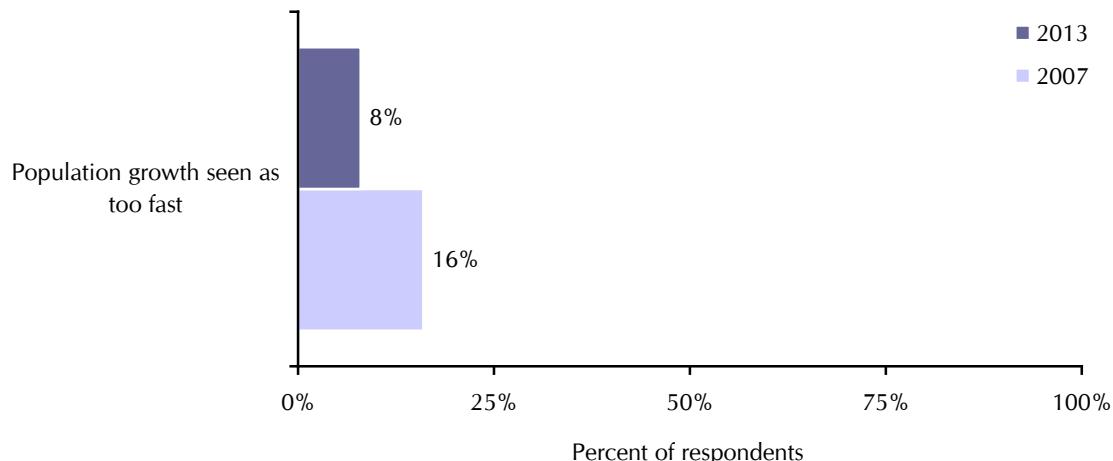


FIGURE 21: POPULATION GROWTH BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Population growth seen as too fast	Much less

FIGURE 22: RATINGS OF NUISANCE PROBLEMS BY YEAR

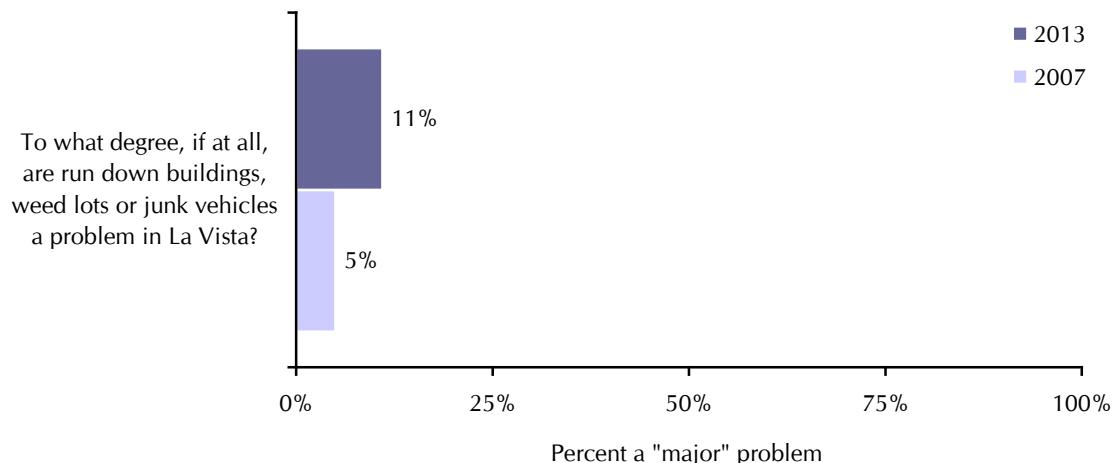


FIGURE 23: NUISANCE PROBLEMS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Run down buildings, weed lots and junk vehicles seen as a "major" problem	Similar

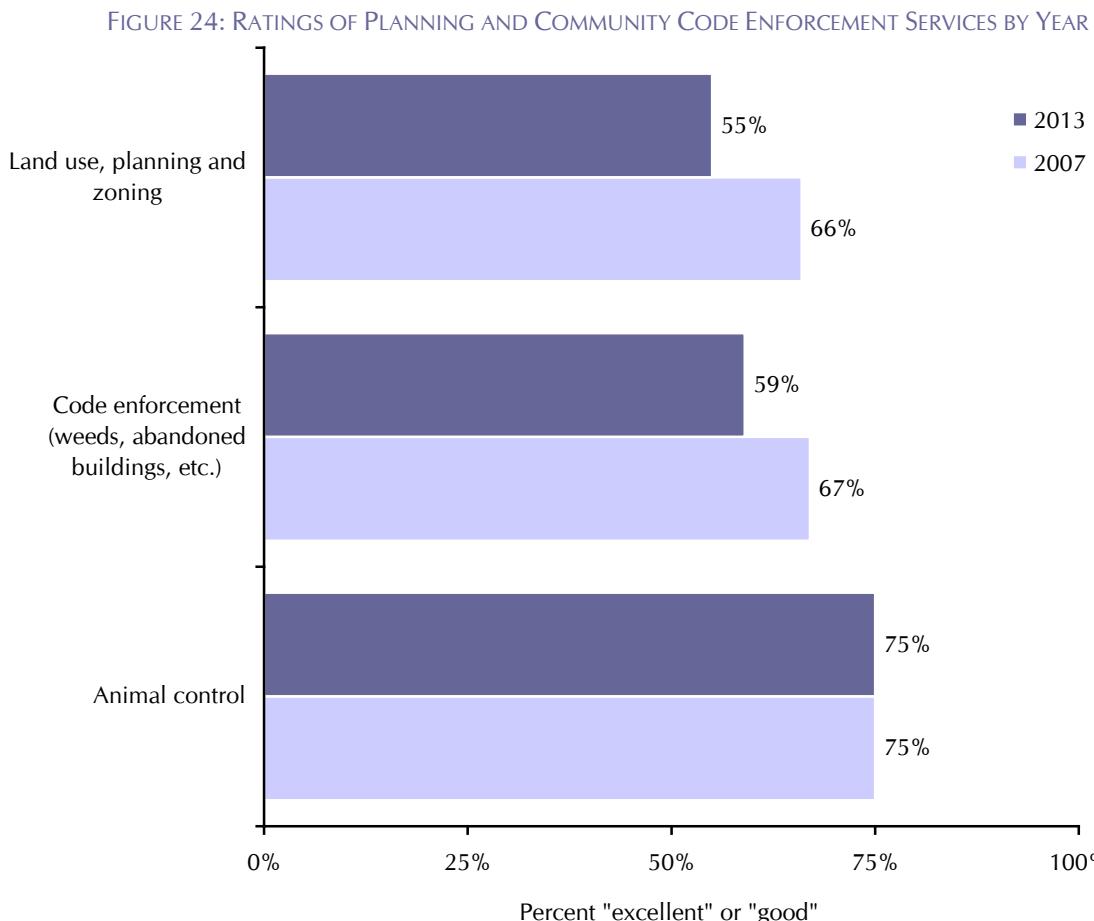


FIGURE 25: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Land use, planning and zoning	Much above
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	Much above
Animal control	Much above

## ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

The United States has been in recession since late 2007 with an accelerated downturn occurring in the fourth quarter of 2008. Officially we emerged from recession in the third quarter of 2009, but high unemployment lingers, keeping a lid on a strong recovery. Many readers worry that the ill health of the economy will color how residents perceive their environment and the services that local government delivers. NRC researchers have found that the economic downturn has chastened Americans' view of their own economic futures but has not colored their perspectives about community services or quality of life.

Survey respondents were asked to rate a number of community features related to economic opportunity and growth. The most positively rated features were La Vista as a place to work and the overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista. Receiving the lowest rating was employment opportunities. When compared to the 2007 survey, ratings decreased for shopping opportunities.

FIGURE 26: RATINGS OF ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY AND OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR

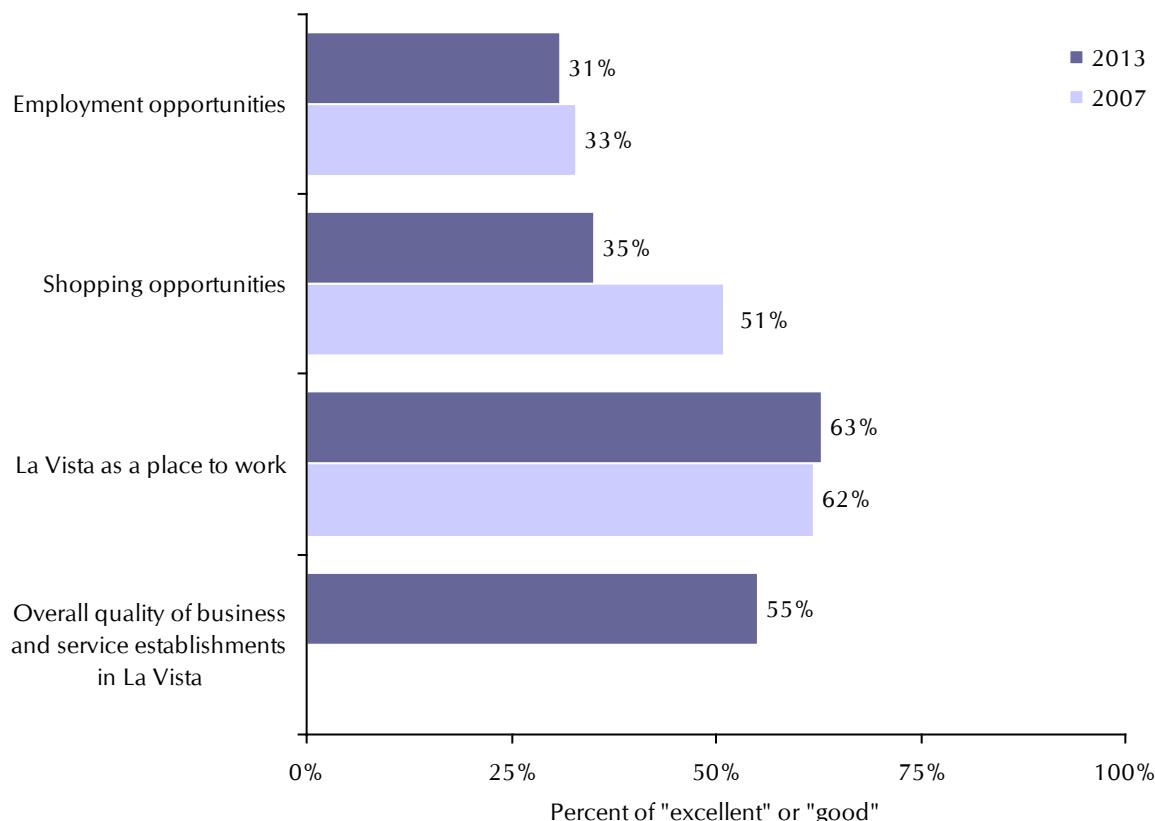


FIGURE 27: ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY AND OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Employment opportunities	Similar
Shopping opportunities	Much below
La Vista as a place to work	Above
Overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista	Below

Residents were asked to evaluate the speed of jobs growth and retail growth on a scale from "much too slow" to "much too fast." When asked about the rate of jobs growth in La Vista, 65% responded that it was "too slow," while 70% reported retail growth as "too slow." More residents in La Vista compared to other jurisdictions believed that retail growth was too slow and fewer residents believed that jobs growth was too slow.

FIGURE 28: RATINGS OF RETAIL AND JOB GROWTH BY YEAR

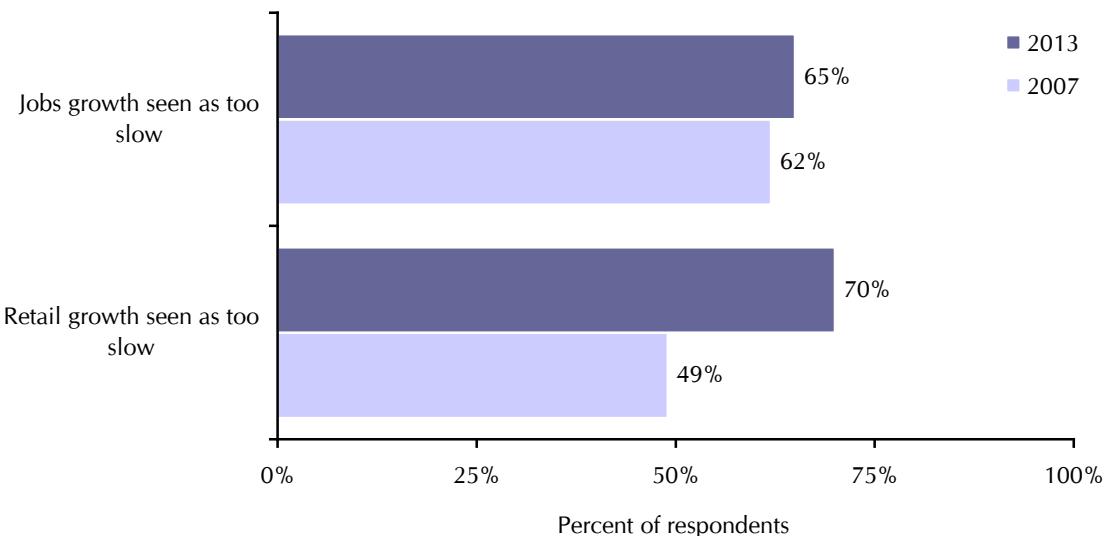


FIGURE 29: RETAIL AND JOB GROWTH BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Retail growth seen as too slow	Much more
Jobs growth seen as too slow	Much less

FIGURE 30: RATINGS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BY YEAR

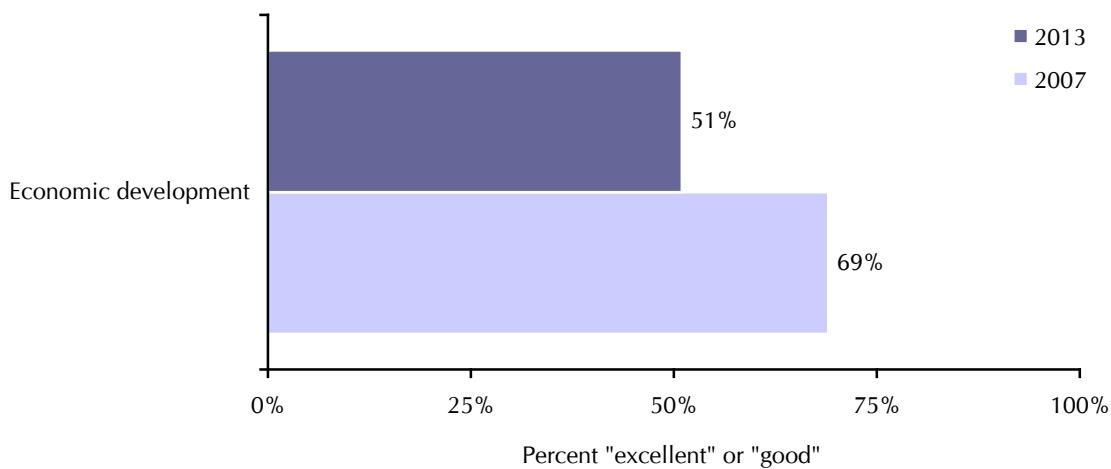


FIGURE 31: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Economic development	Above

Residents were asked to reflect on their economic prospects in the near term. Twenty-three percent of the City of La Vista residents expected that the coming six months would have a "somewhat" or "very" positive impact on their family. The percent of residents with an optimistic outlook on their household income was more than comparison jurisdictions.

FIGURE 32: RATINGS OF PERSONAL ECONOMIC FUTURE BY YEAR

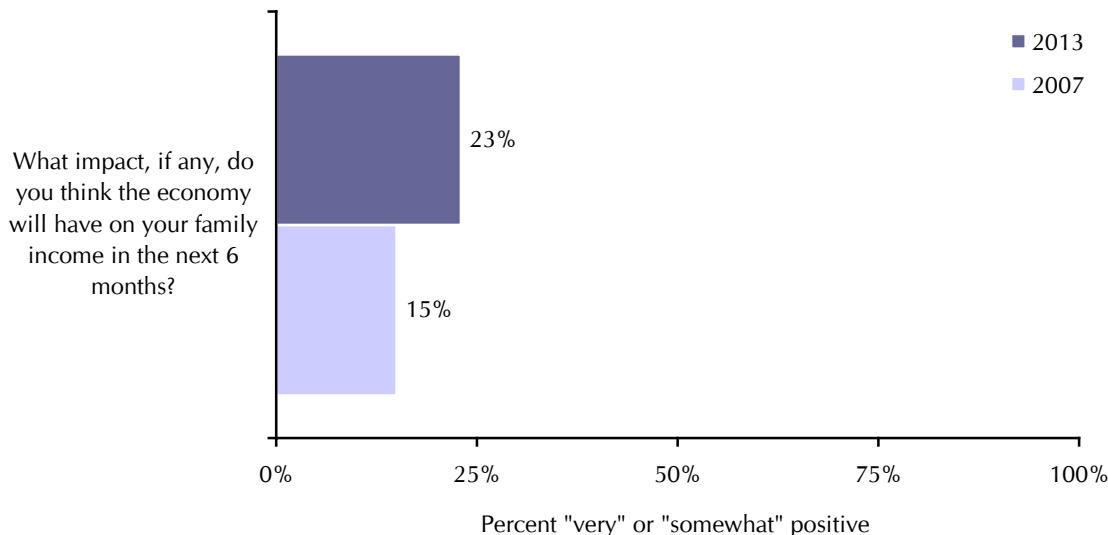


FIGURE 33: PERSONAL ECONOMIC FUTURE BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Positive impact of economy on household income	Above

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Safety from violent or property crimes creates the cornerstone of an attractive community. No one wants to live in fear of crime, fire or natural hazards, and communities in which residents feel protected or unthreatened are communities that are more likely to show growth in population, commerce and property value.

Residents were asked to rate their feelings of safety from violent crimes, property crimes, fire and environmental dangers and to evaluate the local agencies whose main charge is to provide protection from these dangers. Most gave positive ratings of safety in the City of La Vista. About 89% of those completing the questionnaire said they felt "very" or "somewhat" safe from violent crimes and 91% felt "very" or "somewhat" safe from environmental hazards. Daytime sense of safety was better than nighttime safety and neighborhoods felt safer than downtown. Ratings increased for safety from property crimes when compared to the previous survey.

FIGURE 34: RATINGS OF COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BY YEAR

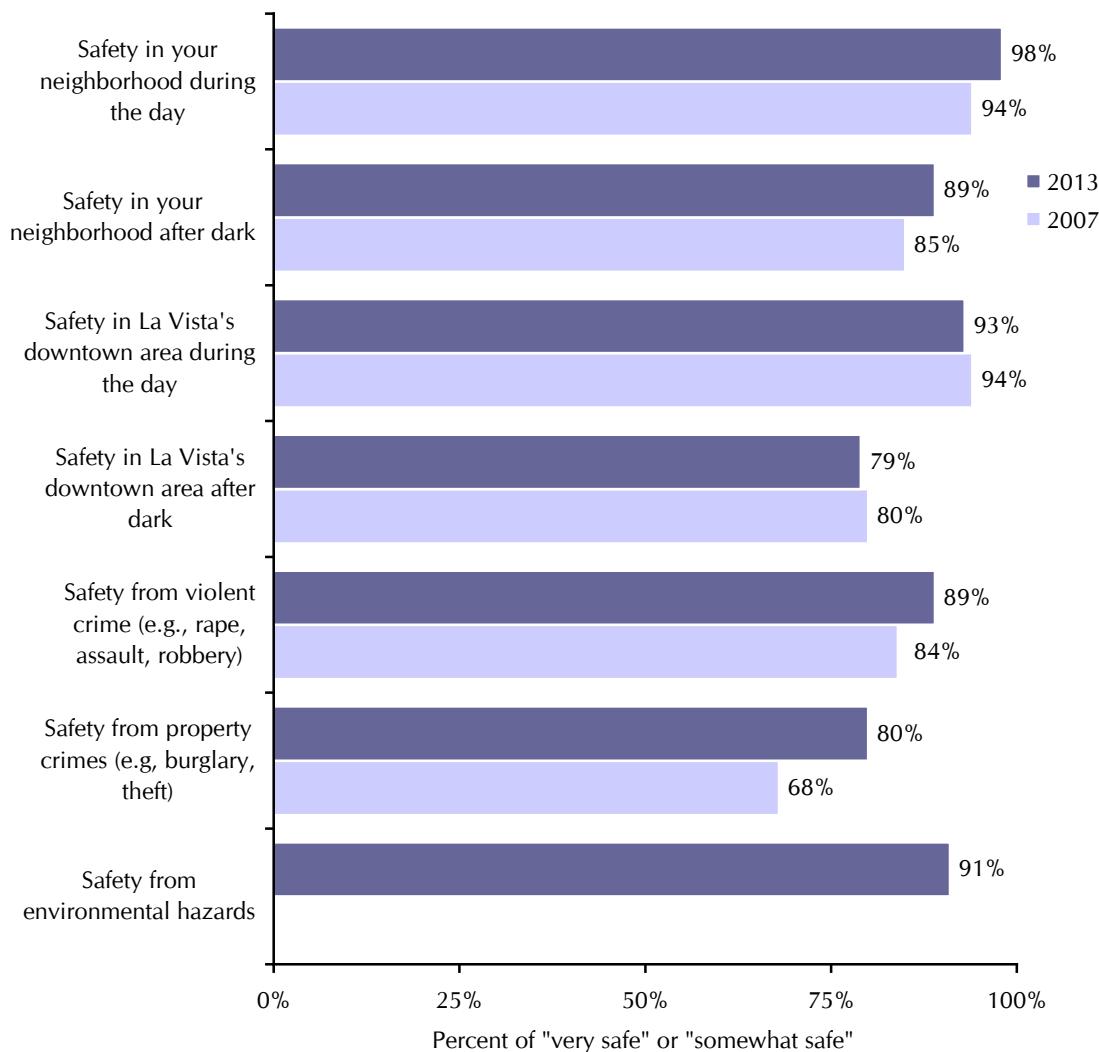


FIGURE 35: COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
In your neighborhood during the day	Much above
In your neighborhood after dark	Much above
In La Vista's downtown area during the day	Above
In La Vista's downtown area after dark	Much above
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	Much above
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	Much above
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	Much above

As assessed by the survey, 8% of respondents reported that someone in the household had been the victim of one or more crimes in the past year. Of those who had been the victim of a crime, 75% had reported it to police. Compared to other jurisdictions fewer La Vista residents had been victims of crime in the 12 months preceding the survey and fewer of La Vista residents had reported their most recent crime victimization to the police.

FIGURE 36: CRIME VICTIMIZATION AND REPORTING BY YEAR

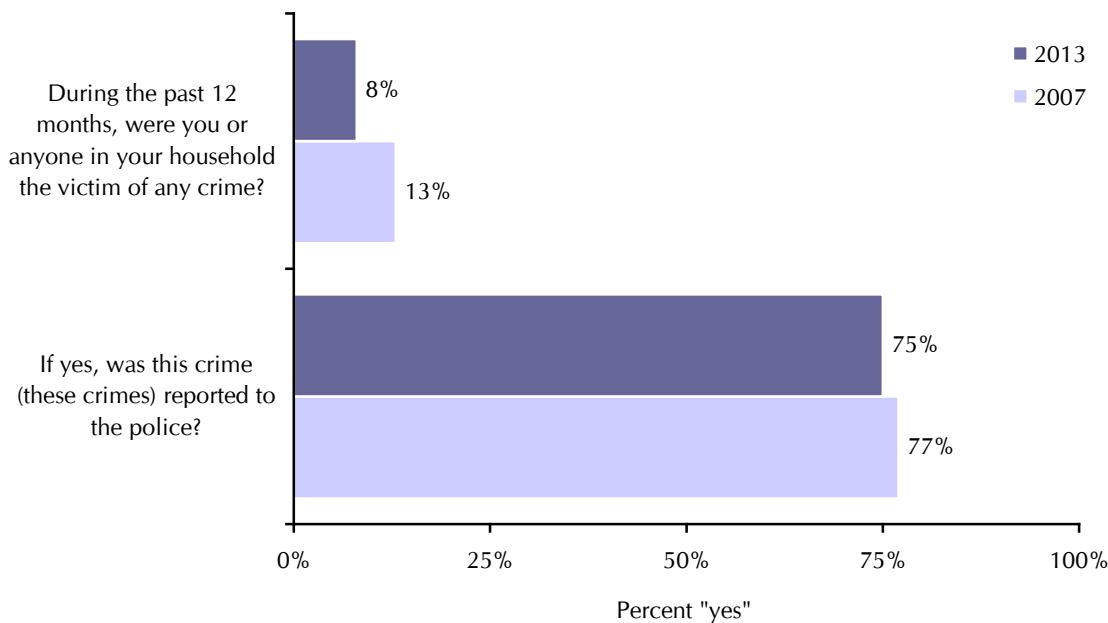


FIGURE 37: CRIME VICTIMIZATION AND REPORTING BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Victim of crime	Less
Reported crimes	Less

Residents rated seven City public safety services; of these, six were rated above the benchmark comparison, one was rated similar to the benchmark comparison and none were rated below the benchmark comparison. Fire services and ambulance or emergency medical services received the highest ratings, while traffic enforcement and emergency preparedness received the lowest ratings. All were rated similar compared to previous years when questions were asked.

FIGURE 38: RATINGS OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BY YEAR

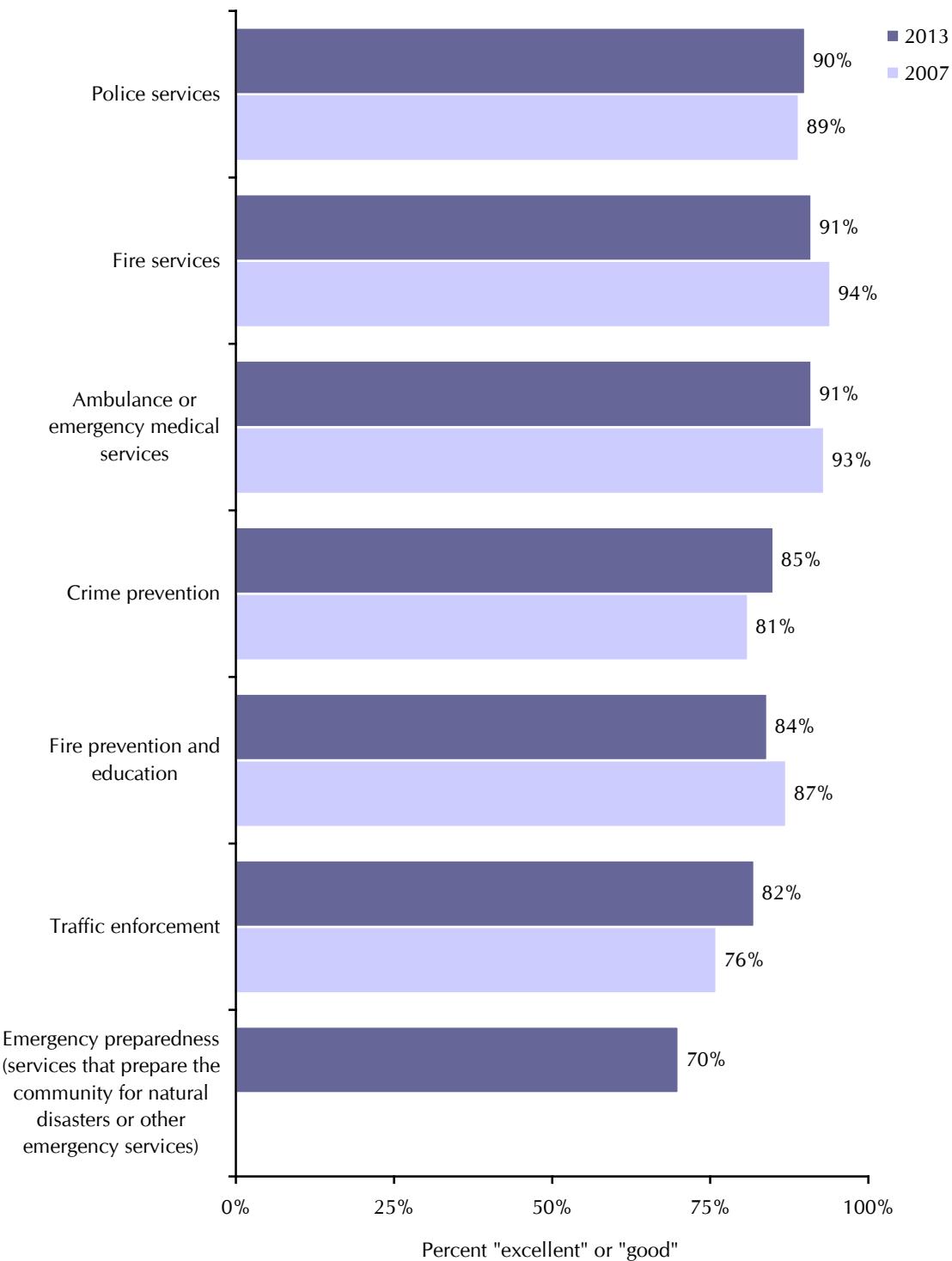


FIGURE 39: PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Police services	Much above
Fire services	Similar
Ambulance or emergency medical services	Above
Crime prevention	Much above
Fire prevention and education	Above
Traffic enforcement	Much above
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	Above

FIGURE 40: CONTACT WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT

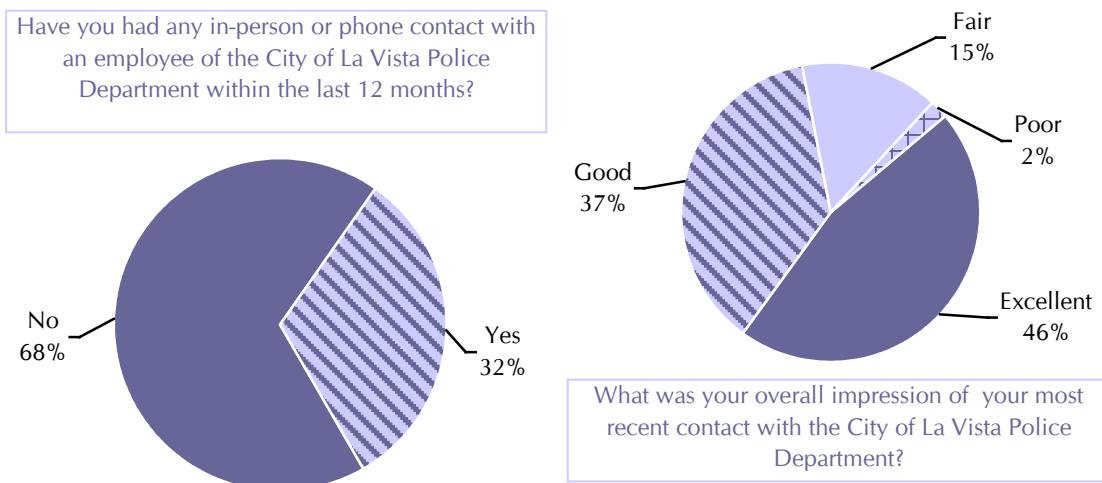


FIGURE 41: CONTACT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

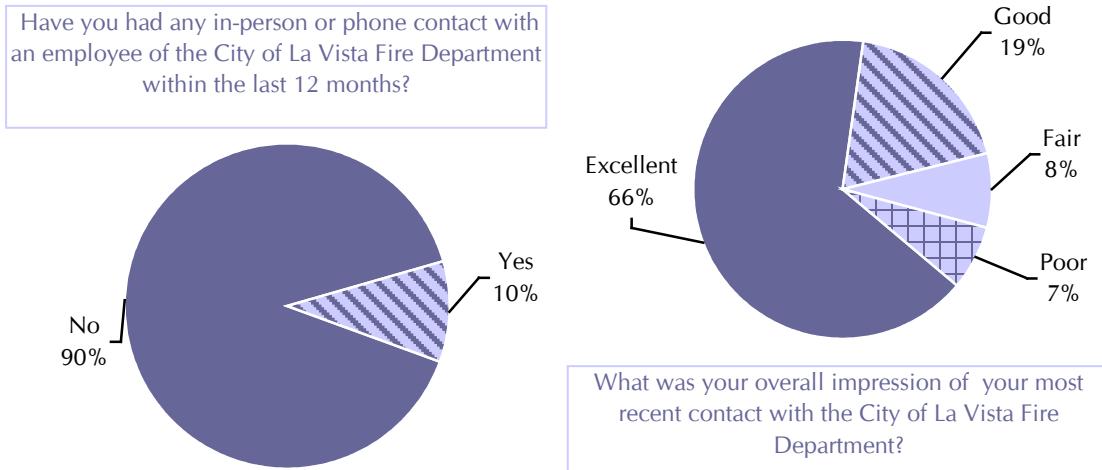


FIGURE 42: CONTACT WITH POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Had contact with the City of La Vista Police Department	Less
Overall impression of most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department	Much above
Had contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department	Less
Overall impression of most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department	Similar

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Residents value the aesthetic qualities of their hometowns and appreciate features such as overall cleanliness and landscaping. In addition, the appearance and smell or taste of the air and water do not go unnoticed. These days, increasing attention is paid to proper treatment of the environment. At the same time that they are attending to community appearance and cleanliness, cities, counties, states and the nation are going "Green". These strengthening environmental concerns extend to trash haul, recycling, sewer services, the delivery of power and water and preservation of open spaces. Treatment of the environment affects air and water quality and, generally, how habitable and inviting a place appears.

Residents of the City of La Vista were asked to evaluate their local environment and the services provided to ensure its quality. The cleanliness of La Vista received the highest rating, and it was above the benchmark.

FIGURE 43: RATINGS OF THE COMMUNITY'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

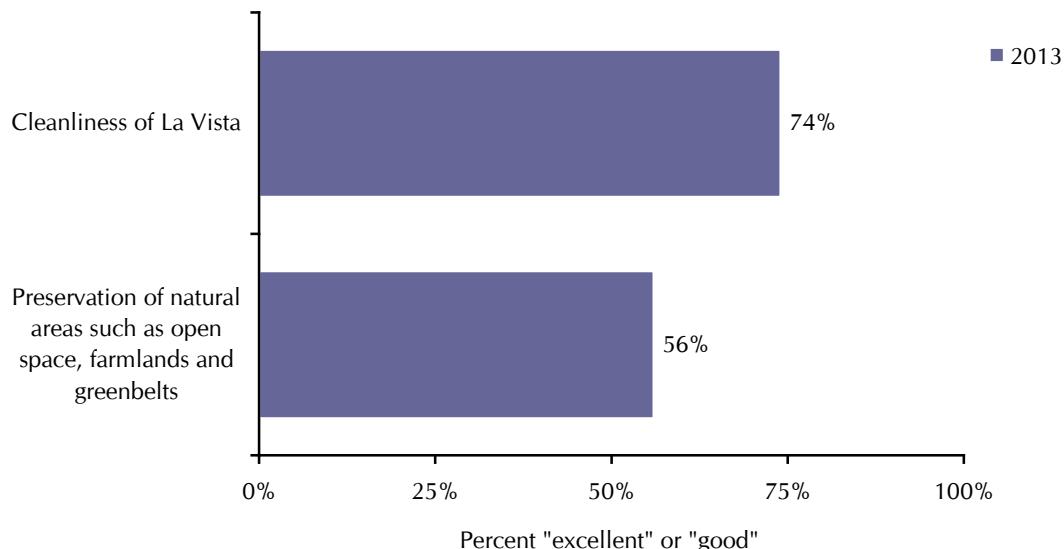


FIGURE 44: COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Cleanliness of La Vista	Above
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	Similar

Resident recycling was less than recycling reported in comparison communities.

FIGURE 45: FREQUENCY OF RECYCLING IN LAST 12 MONTHS

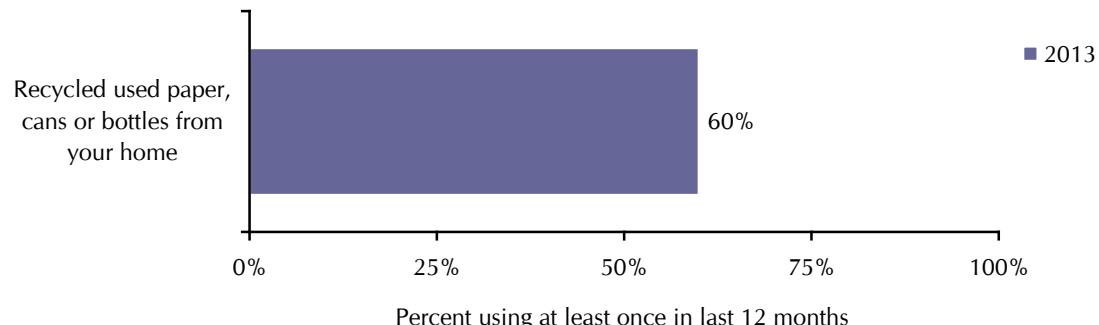


FIGURE 46: FREQUENCY OF RECYCLING BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home	Much less

Of the two utility services rated by those completing the questionnaire, both were much higher than the benchmark comparison. These service ratings trends were stable when compared to past surveys.

FIGURE 47: RATINGS OF UTILITY SERVICES BY YEAR

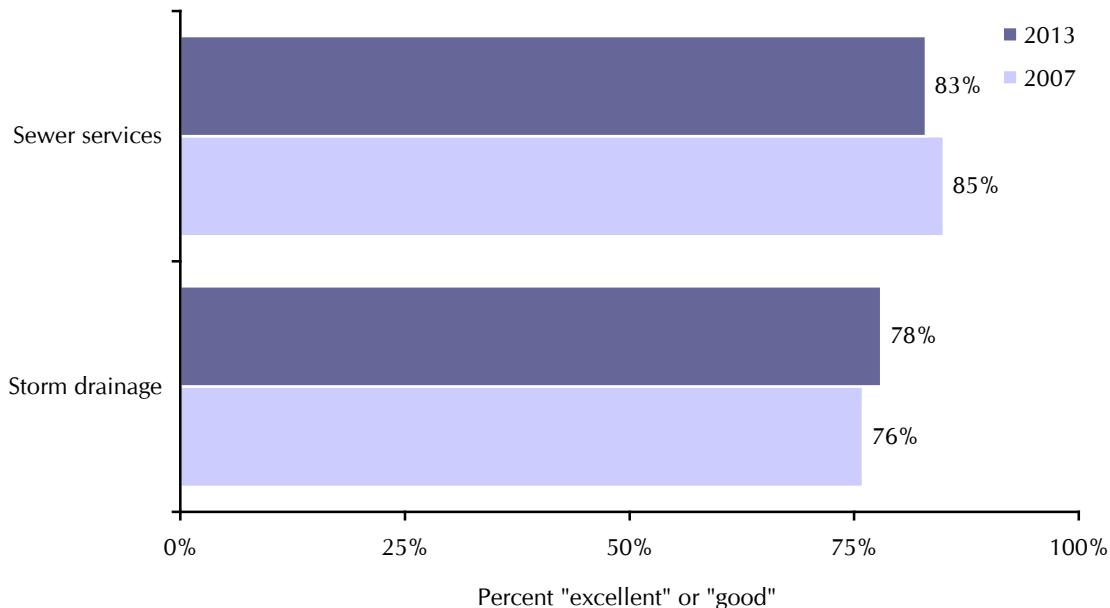


FIGURE 48: UTILITY SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Sewer services	Much above
Storm drainage	Much above

## RECREATION AND WELLNESS

### Parks and Recreation

Quality parks and recreation opportunities help to define a community as more than the grind of its business, traffic and hard work. Leisure activities vastly can improve the quality of life of residents, serving both to entertain and mobilize good health. The survey contained questions seeking residents' perspectives about opportunities and services related to the community's parks and recreation services.

Recreation opportunities in the City of La Vista were rated somewhat positively as were services related to parks and recreation. Recreation programs and recreation facilities were rated similar to the benchmark. City parks received the highest rating and were similar to the national benchmark. Parks and recreation ratings have stayed constant over time.

Resident use of La Vista parks and recreation facilities tells its own story about the attractiveness and accessibility of those services. The percent of residents that used La Vista recreation centers was smaller than the percent of users in comparison jurisdictions. Similarly, recreation program use in La Vista was lower than use in comparison jurisdictions. Use of recreation centers increased when compared to the 2007 survey.

FIGURE 49: RATINGS OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR

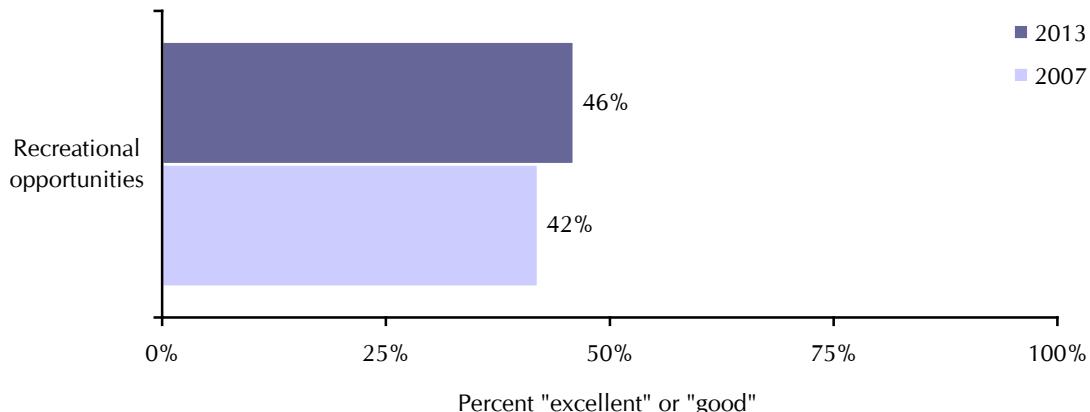


FIGURE 50: COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Recreation opportunities	Much below

FIGURE 51: PARTICIPATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR

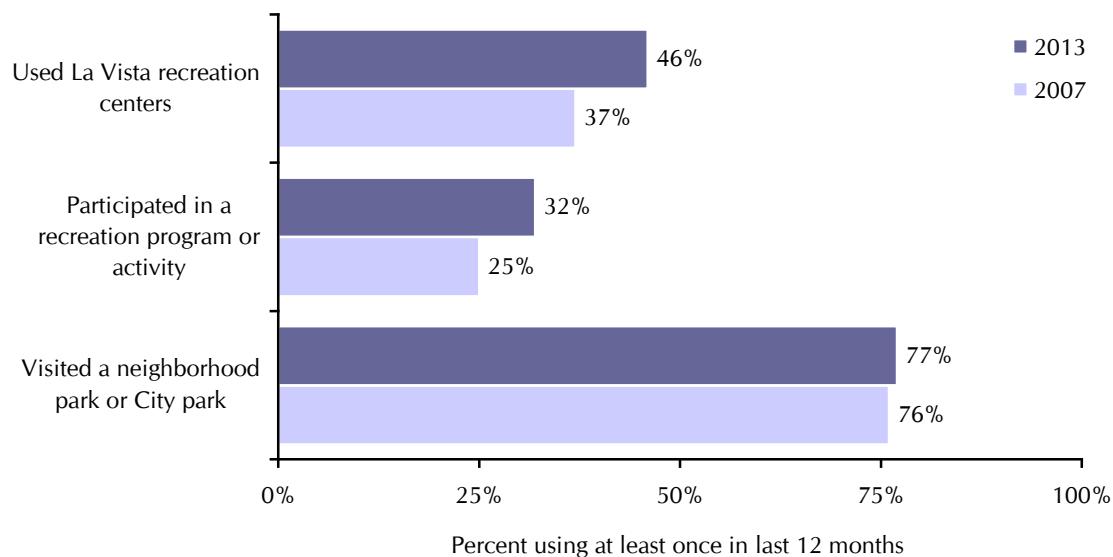


FIGURE 52: PARTICIPATION IN PARKS AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Used La Vista recreation centers	Much less
Participated in a recreation program or activity	Much less
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	Much less

FIGURE 53: RATINGS OF PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES BY YEAR

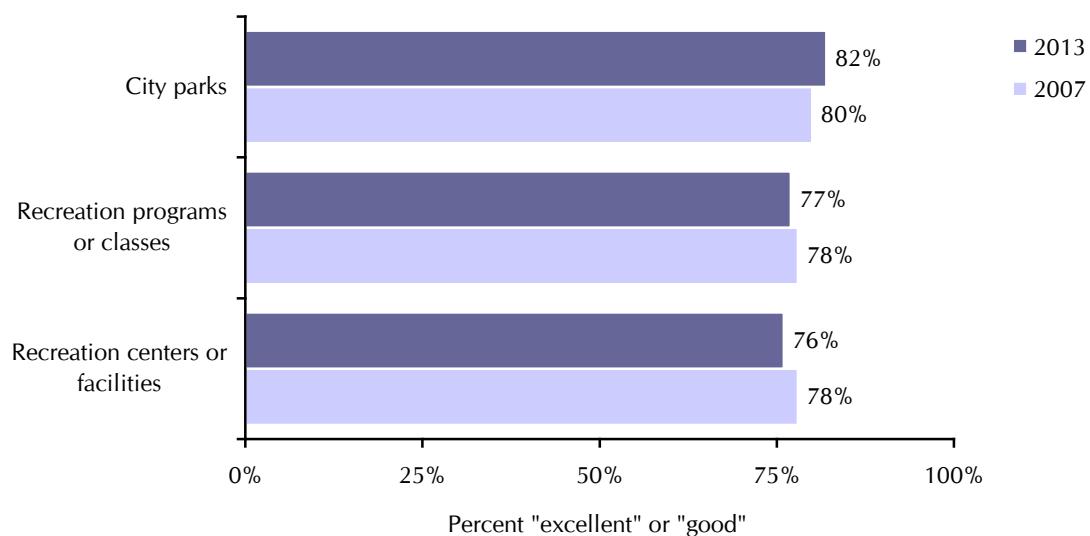


FIGURE 54: PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
City parks	Similar
Recreation programs or classes	Similar
Recreation centers or facilities	Similar

## Culture, Arts and Education

A full service community does not address only the life and safety of its residents. Like individuals who simply go to the office and return home, a community that pays attention only to the life sustaining basics becomes insular, dreary and uninspiring. In the case of communities without thriving culture, arts and education opportunities, the magnet that attracts those who might consider relocating there is vastly weakened. Cultural, artistic, social and educational services elevate the opportunities for personal growth among residents. In the survey, residents were asked about the quality of opportunities to participate in cultural and educational activities.

Opportunities to attend cultural activities was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 31% of respondents. Educational opportunities were rated as "excellent" or "good" by 73% of respondents. Compared to the benchmark data, educational opportunities were much above the average of comparison jurisdictions, while cultural activity opportunities were rated much below the benchmark comparison.

About 60% of La Vista residents used a City library at least once in the 12 months preceding the survey. This participation rate for library use was below comparison jurisdictions.

FIGURE 55: RATINGS OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR

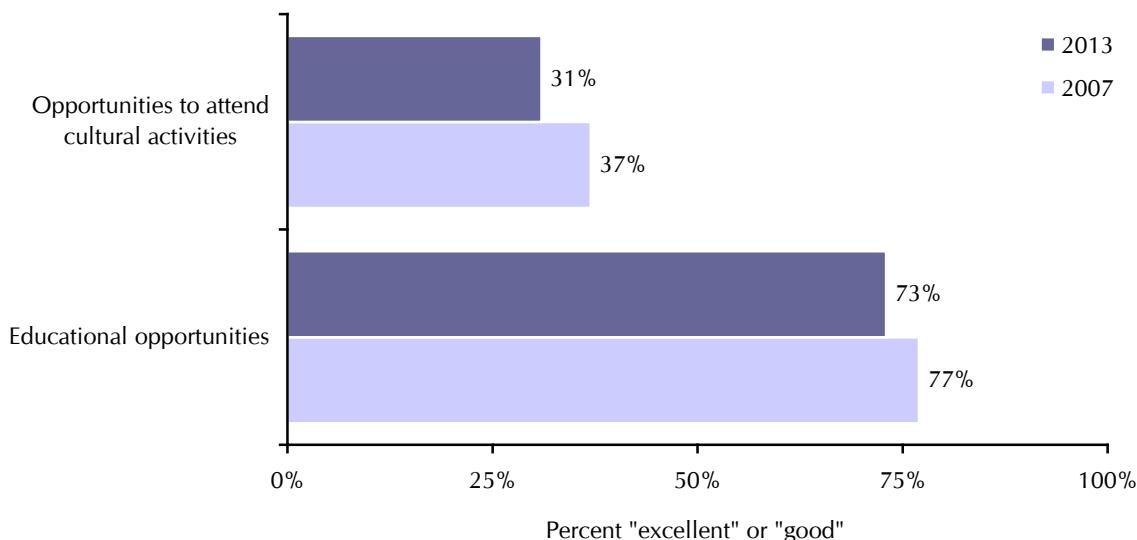


FIGURE 56: CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	Much below
Educational opportunities	Much above

FIGURE 57: PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR

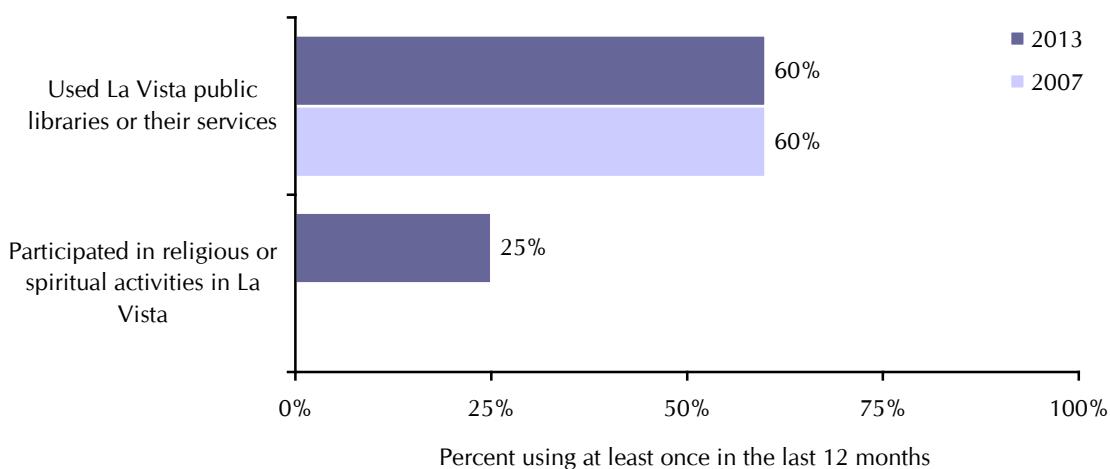


FIGURE 58: PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Used La Vista public libraries or their services	Much less
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in La Vista	Much less

FIGURE 59: PERCEPTION OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BY YEAR

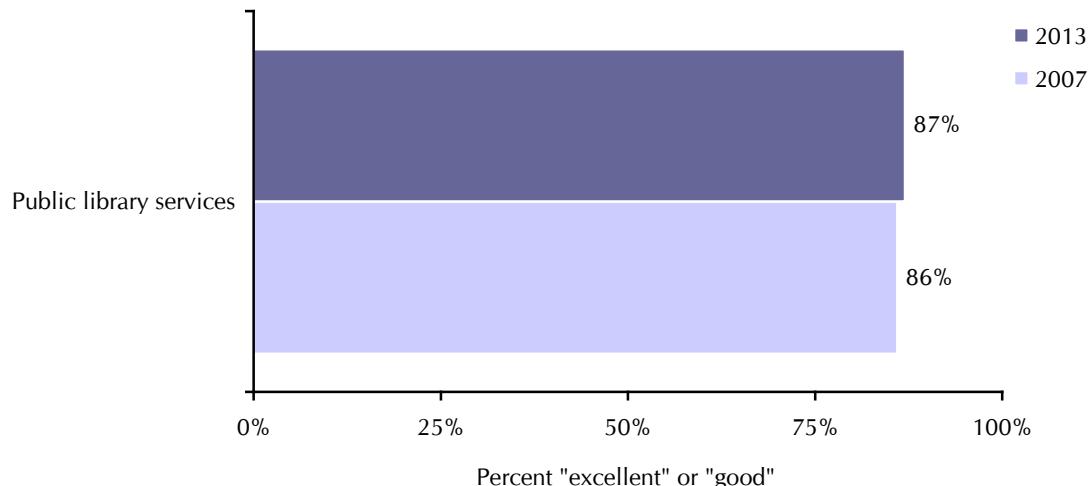


FIGURE 60: CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Public library services	Above

## COMMUNITY INCLUSIVENESS

Diverse communities that include among their residents a mix of races, ages, wealth, ideas and beliefs have the raw material for the most vibrant and creative society. However, the presence of these features alone does not ensure a high quality or desirable space. Surveyed residents were asked about the success of the mix: the sense of community, the openness of residents to people of diverse backgrounds and the attractiveness of the City of La Vista as a place to raise children or to retire. They were also questioned about the quality of services delivered to various population subgroups, including older adults, youth and residents with few resources. A community that succeeds in creating an inclusive environment for a variety of residents is a community that offers more to many.

A high percentage of residents rated the City of La Vista as an "excellent" or "good" place to raise kids and a moderate percentage rated it as an "excellent" or "good" place to retire. Most residents felt that the local sense of community was "excellent" or "good." Most survey respondents felt the City of La Vista was open and accepting towards people of diverse backgrounds. The availability of affordable quality child care was rated the lowest by residents but was much higher than the benchmark.

FIGURE 61: RATINGS OF COMMUNITY QUALITY AND INCLUSIVENESS BY YEAR

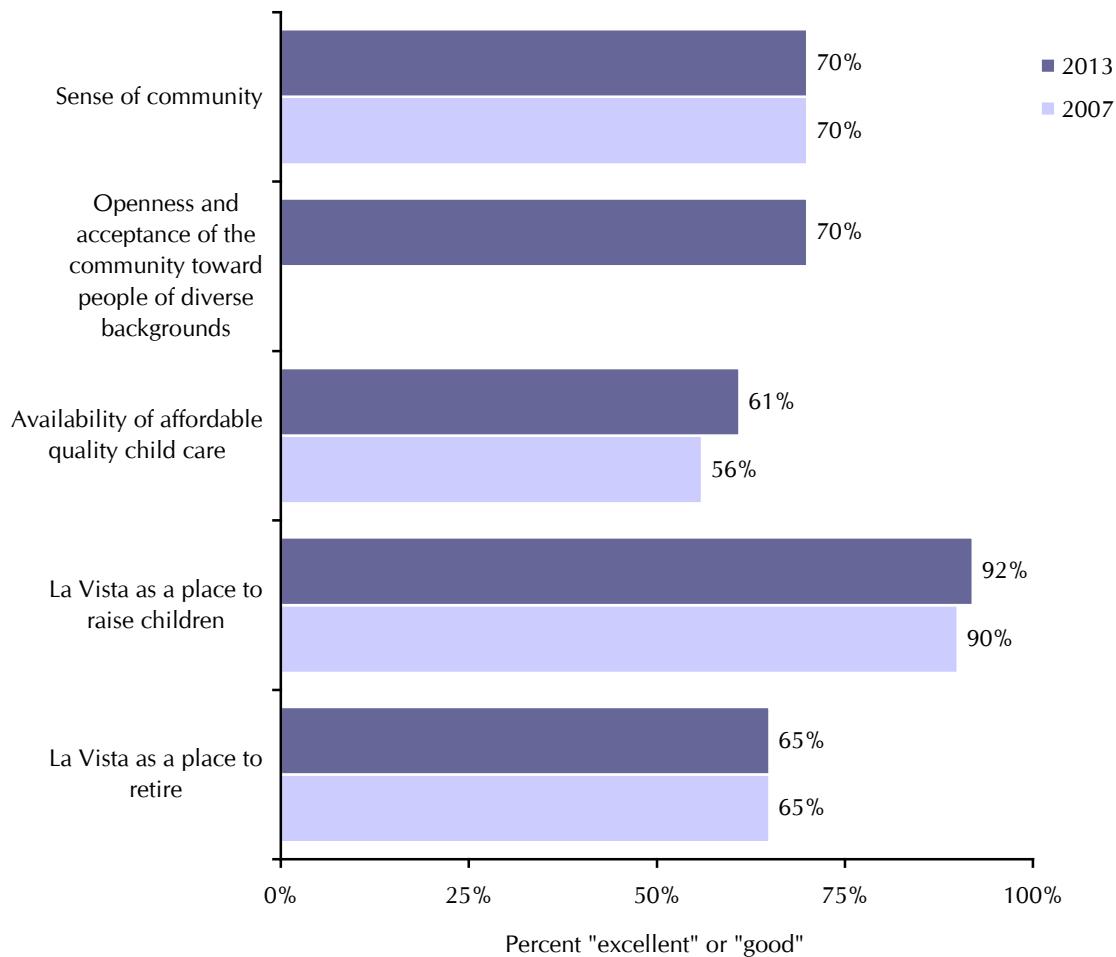


FIGURE 62: COMMUNITY QUALITY AND INCLUSIVENESS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Sense of community	Similar
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	Above
Availability of affordable quality child care	Much above
La Vista as a place to raise kids	Much above
La Vista as a place to retire	Similar

Services to more vulnerable populations (e.g., seniors, youth or low-income residents) ranged from 61% to 72% with ratings of "excellent" or "good." All services were above the benchmark.

FIGURE 63: RATINGS OF QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED FOR POPULATION SUBGROUPS BY YEAR

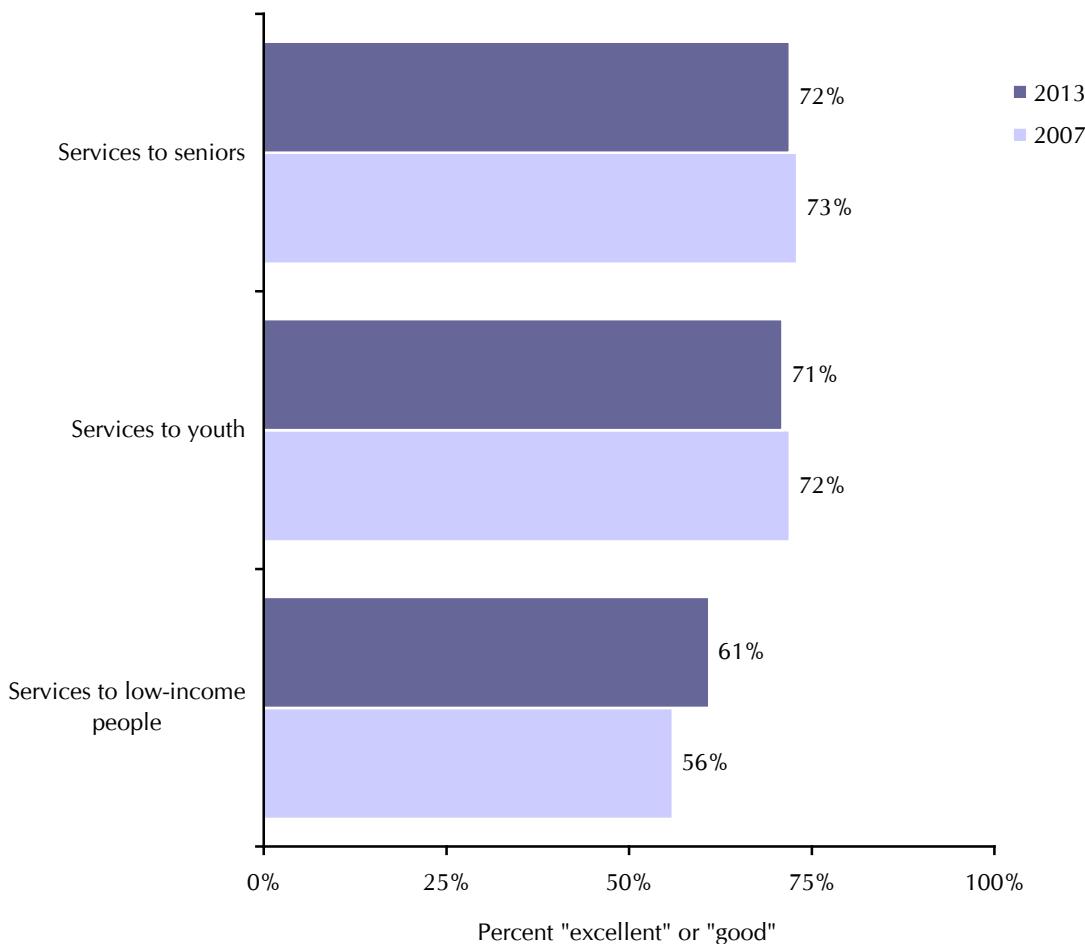


FIGURE 64: SERVICES PROVIDED FOR POPULATION SUBGROUPS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Services to seniors	Above
Services to youth	Much above
Services to low income people	Much above

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Community leaders cannot run a jurisdiction alone and a jurisdiction cannot run effectively if residents remain strangers with little to connect them. Elected officials and staff require the assistance of local residents whether that assistance comes in tacit approval or eager help; and commonality of purpose among the electorate facilitates policies and programs that appeal to most and causes discord among few. Furthermore, when neighbors help neighbors, the cost to the community to provide services to residents in need declines. When residents are civically engaged, they have taken the opportunity to participate in making the community more livable for all. The extent to which local government provides opportunities to become informed and engaged and the extent to which residents take those opportunities is an indicator of the connection between government and populace. By understanding your residents' level of connection to, knowledge of and participation in local government, the City can find better opportunities to communicate and educate citizens about its mission, services, accomplishments and plans. Communities with strong civic engagement may be more likely to see the benefits of programs intended to improve the quality of life of all residents and therefore would be more likely to support those new policies or programs.

### Civic Activity

Respondents were asked about the perceived community volunteering opportunities and their participation as citizens of the City of La Vista. Survey participants rated the volunteer opportunities in the City of La Vista somewhat favorably. Opportunities to attend or participate in community matters were rated similarly.

The rating for opportunities to participate in community matters was similar to the benchmark while the rating for opportunities to volunteer was below.

FIGURE 65: RATINGS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

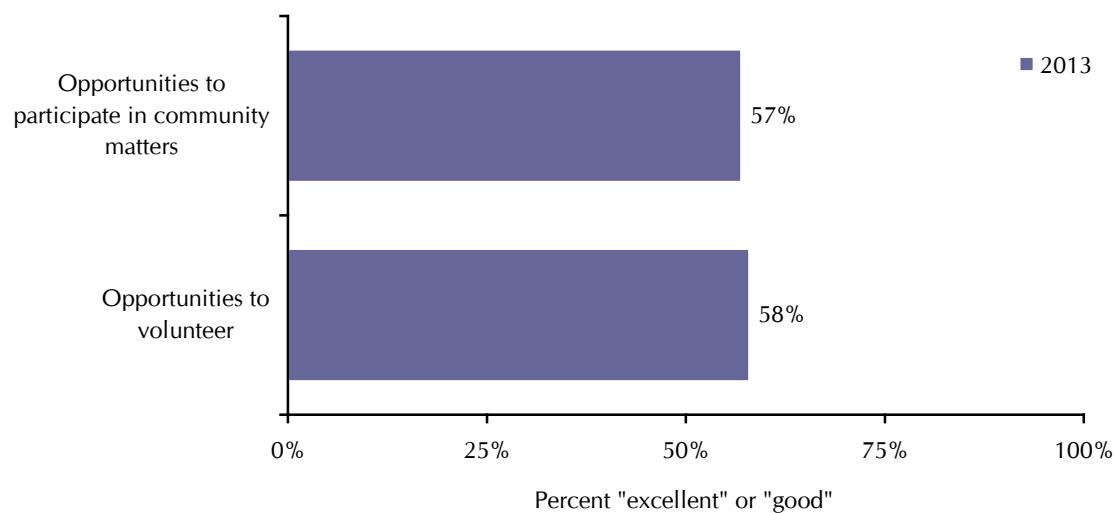


FIGURE 66: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to participate in community matters	Similar
Opportunities to volunteer	Much below

Most of the participants in this survey had not attended a public meeting, volunteered time to a group or participated in a club in the 12 months prior to the survey, but the vast majority had helped a friend. The participation rates of these civic behaviors were compared to the rates in other jurisdictions. Providing help to a friend or neighbor showed similar rates of involvement; while attending a meeting of local elected officials, volunteering time to a group and participating in a club all showed lower rates of community engagement.

FIGURE 67: PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY YEAR<sup>1</sup>

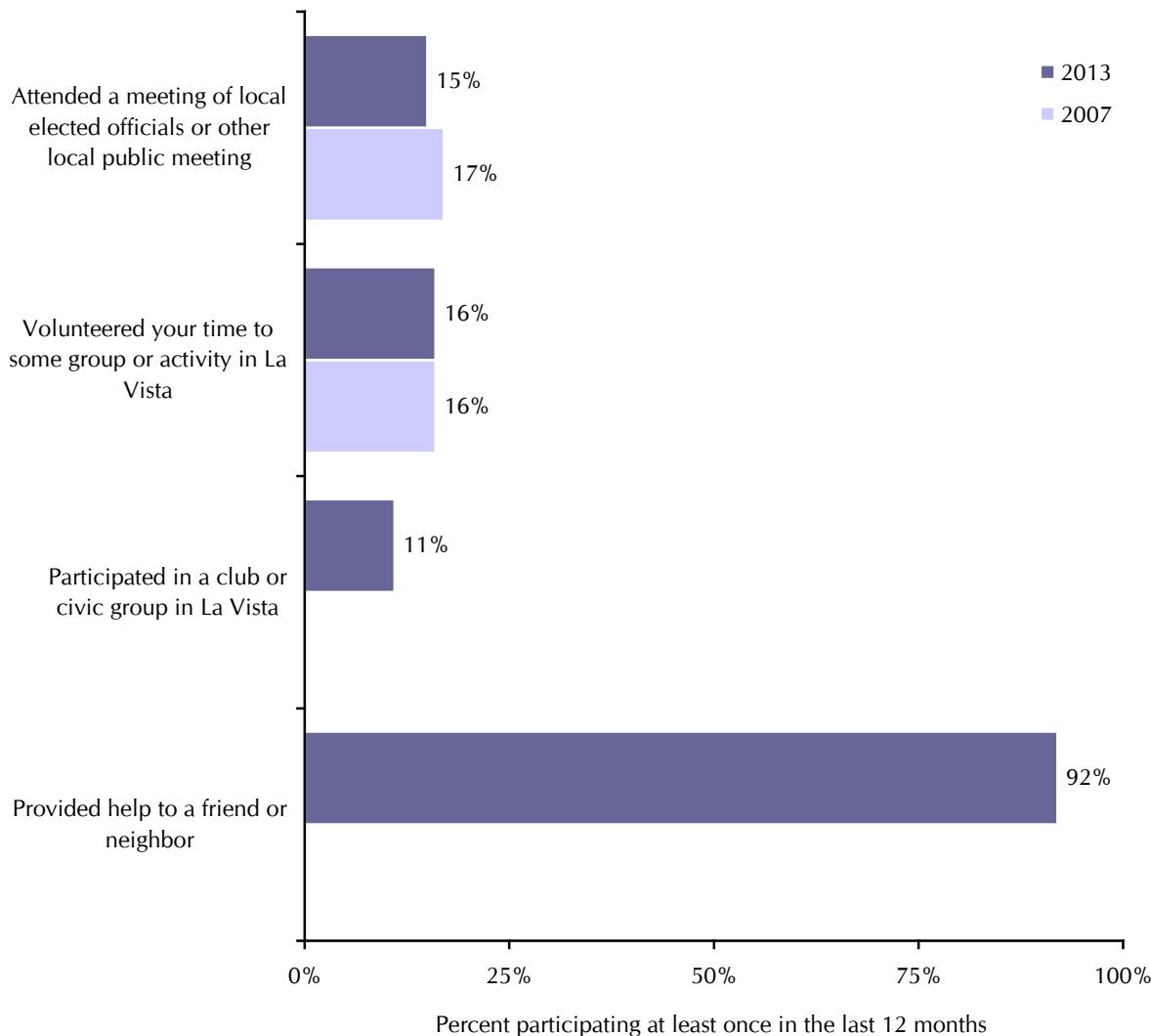
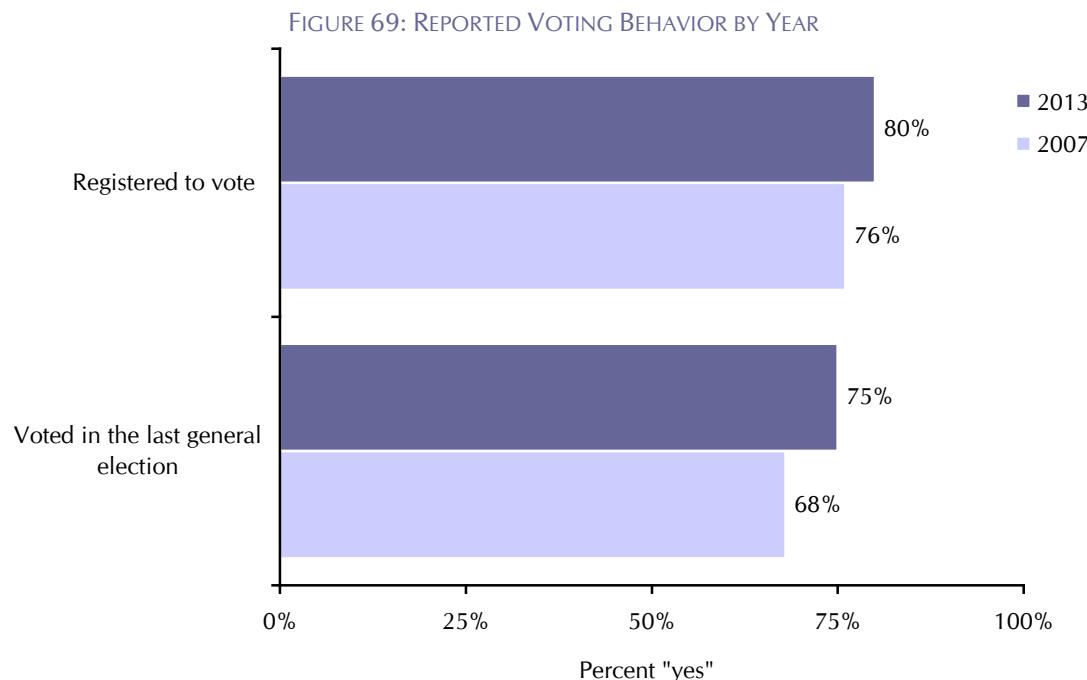


FIGURE 68: PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	Much less
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in La Vista	Much less
Participated in a club or civic group in La Vista	Much less
Provided help to a friend or neighbor	Similar

<sup>1</sup> Over the past few years, local governments have adopted communication strategies that embrace the Internet and new media. In 2010, the question, "Watched a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting on cable television" was revised to include "the Internet or other media" to better reflect this trend.

City of La Vista residents showed the largest amount of civic engagement in the area of electoral participation. Eighty percent reported they were registered to vote and 75% indicated they had voted in the last general election. This rate of self-reported voting was about the same as that of comparison communities.



Note: In addition to the removal of "don't know" responses, those who said "ineligible to vote" also have been omitted from this calculation. The full frequencies appear in Appendix A.

FIGURE 70: VOTING BEHAVIOR BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Registered to vote	Less
Voted in last general election	Similar

## Information and Awareness

Those completing the survey were asked about their use and perceptions of various information sources and local government media services. When asked whether they had visited the City of La Vista Web site in the previous 12 months, 60% reported they had done so at least once. Public information services were rated favorably compared to benchmark data.

FIGURE 71: USE OF INFORMATION SOURCES

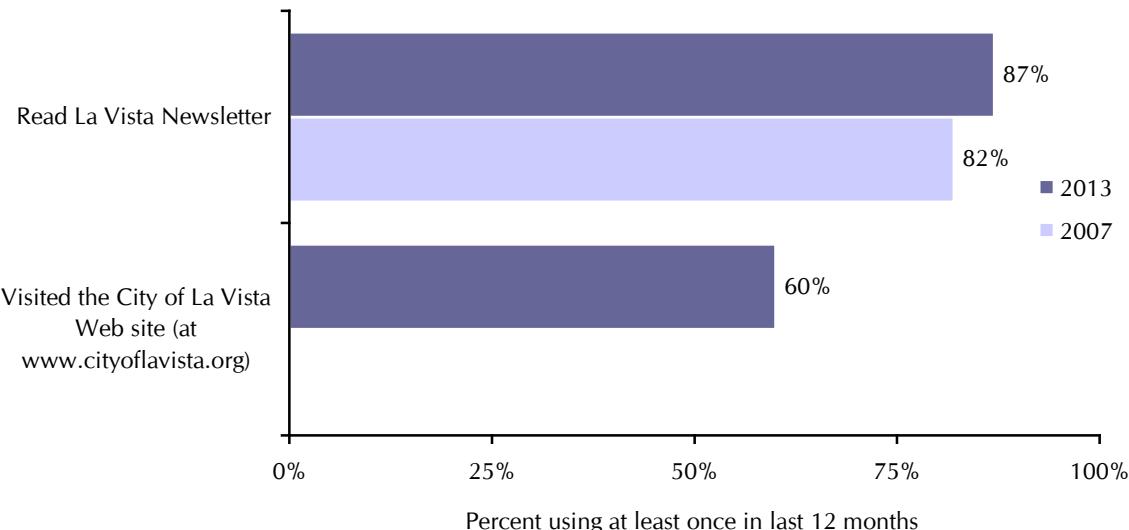


FIGURE 72: USE OF INFORMATION SOURCES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Read La Vista Newsletter	Much more
Visited the City of La Vista Web site	Similar

FIGURE 73: RATINGS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDIA SERVICES AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION BY YEAR

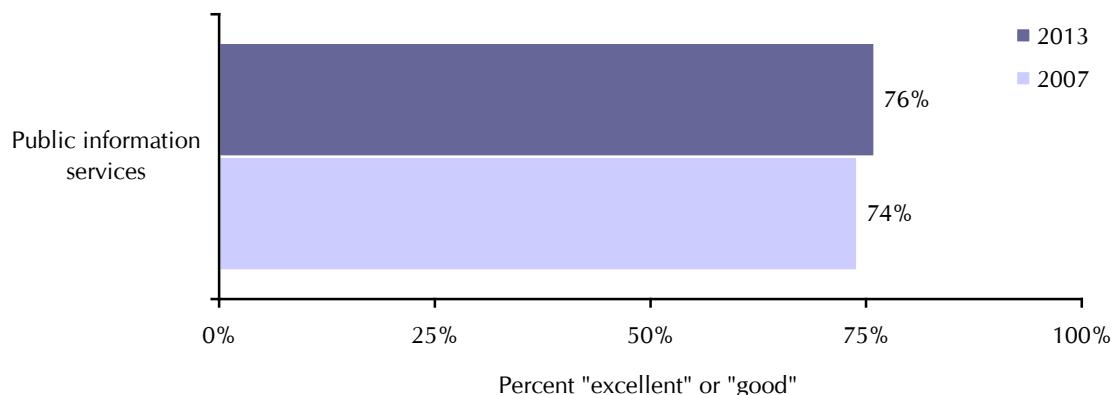


FIGURE 74: LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDIA SERVICES AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Public information services	Above

## Social Engagement

Opportunities to participate in social events and activities were rated as “excellent” or “good” by 58% of respondents, while even more rated opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities as “excellent” or “good.”

FIGURE 75: RATINGS OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

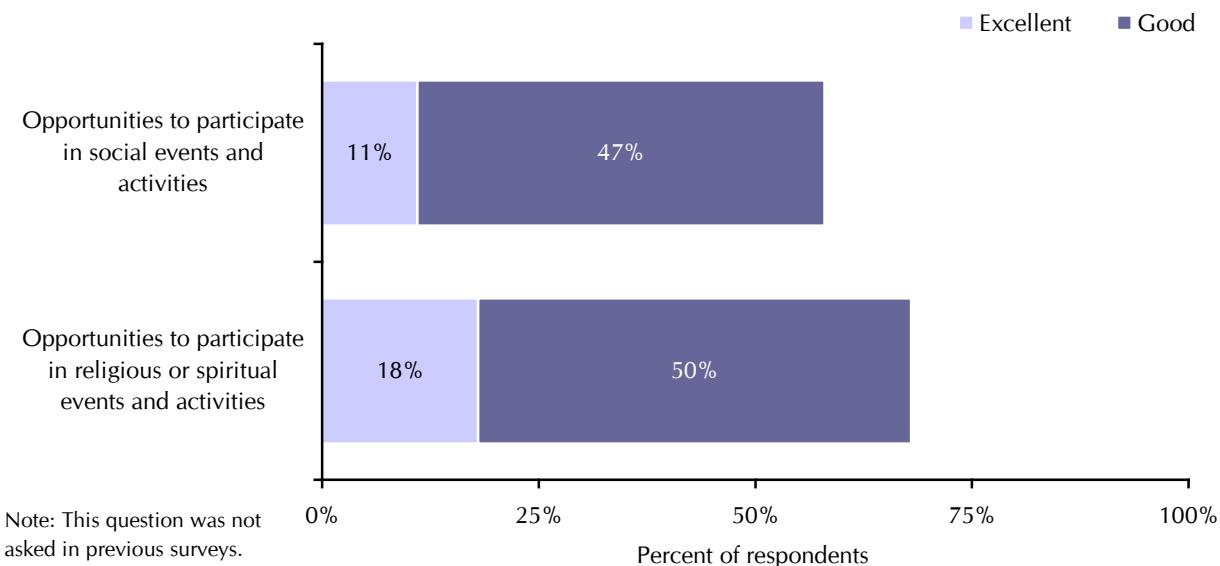
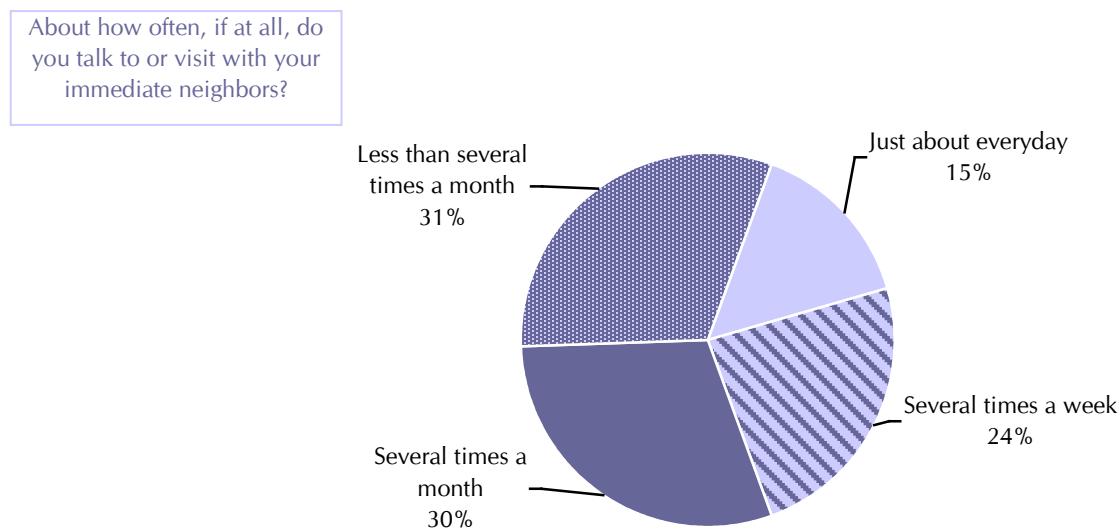


FIGURE 76: SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	Similar
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	Much below

Residents in La Vista reported a fair amount of neighborliness. More than 39% indicated talking or visiting with their neighbors at least several times a week. This amount of contact with neighbors was less than the amount of contact reported in other communities.

FIGURE 77: CONTACT WITH IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS



Note: This question was not asked in previous surveys.

FIGURE 78: CONTACT WITH IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS BENCHMARKS

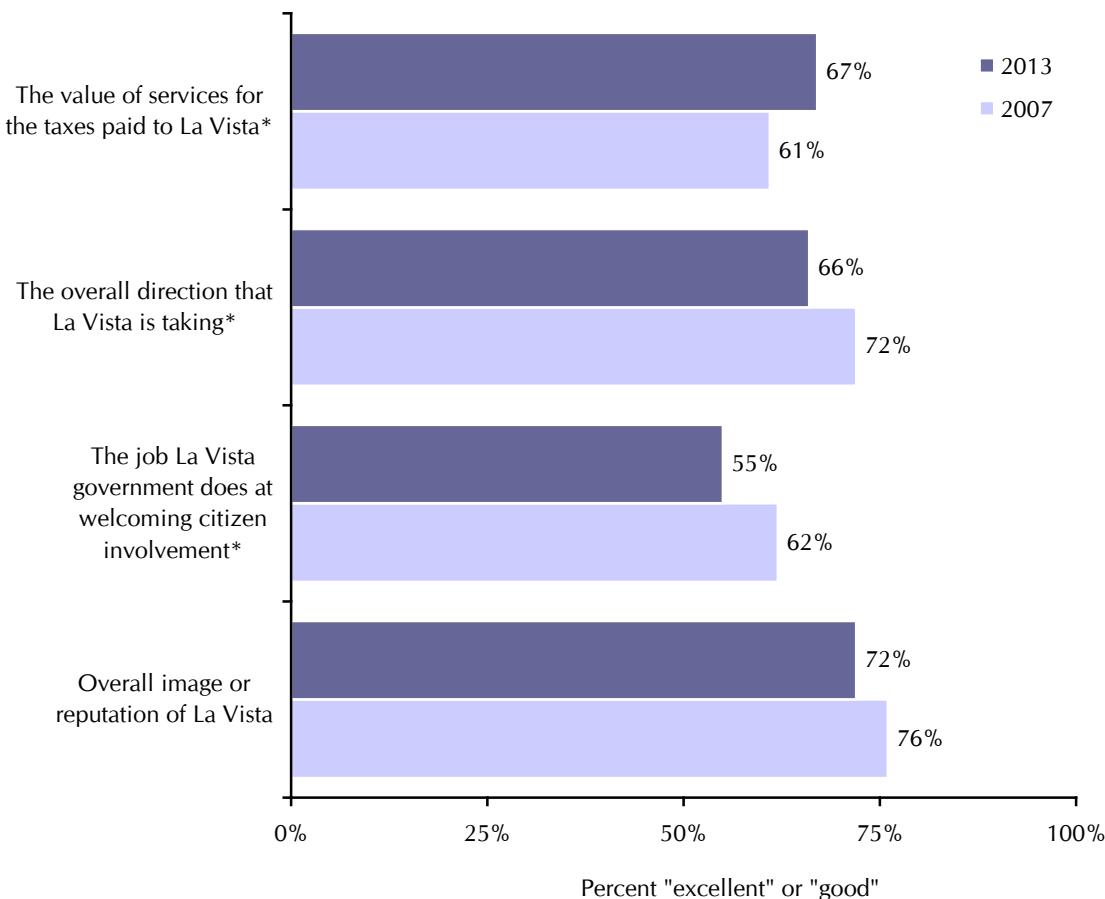
	Comparison to benchmark
Has contact with neighbors at least several times per week	Much less

## PUBLIC TRUST

When local government leaders are trusted, an environment of cooperation is more likely to surround all decisions they make. Cooperation leads to easier communication between leaders and residents and increases the likelihood that high value policies and programs will be implemented to improve the quality of life of the entire community. Trust can be measured in residents' opinions about the overall direction the City of La Vista is taking, their perspectives about the service value their taxes purchase and the openness of government to citizen participation. In addition, resident opinion about services provided by the City of La Vista could be compared to their opinion about services provided by the state and federal governments. If residents find nothing to admire in the services delivered by any level of government, their opinions about the City of La Vista may be colored by their dislike of what all levels of government provide.

A majority of respondents felt that the value of services for taxes paid was "excellent" or "good." When asked to rate the job the City of La Vista does at welcoming citizen involvement, 55% rated it as "excellent" or "good." Of these four ratings, three were above the benchmark and one was similar to the benchmark.

FIGURE 79: PUBLIC TRUST RATINGS BY YEAR



\* For jurisdictions that have conducted The NCS prior to 2008, a change in the wording of response options may cause a decline in the percent of residents who offer a positive perspective on public trust. It is well to factor in the possible change due to question wording this way: if you show an increase, you may have found even more improvement with the same question wording; if you show no change, you may have shown a slight increase with the same question wording; if you show a decrease, community sentiment is probably about stable.

FIGURE 80: PUBLIC TRUST BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Value of services for the taxes paid to La Vista	Much above
The overall direction that La Vista is taking	Much above
Job La Vista government does at welcoming citizen involvement	Above
Overall image or reputation of La Vista	Similar

On average, residents of the City of La Vista gave the highest evaluations to their own local government and the lowest average rating to the Federal Government. The overall quality of services delivered by the City of La Vista was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 86% of survey participants. The City of La Vista's rating was much above the benchmark when compared to other communities in the nation. Ratings of overall City services have remained stable over the last five years.

FIGURE 81: RATINGS OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS BY YEAR

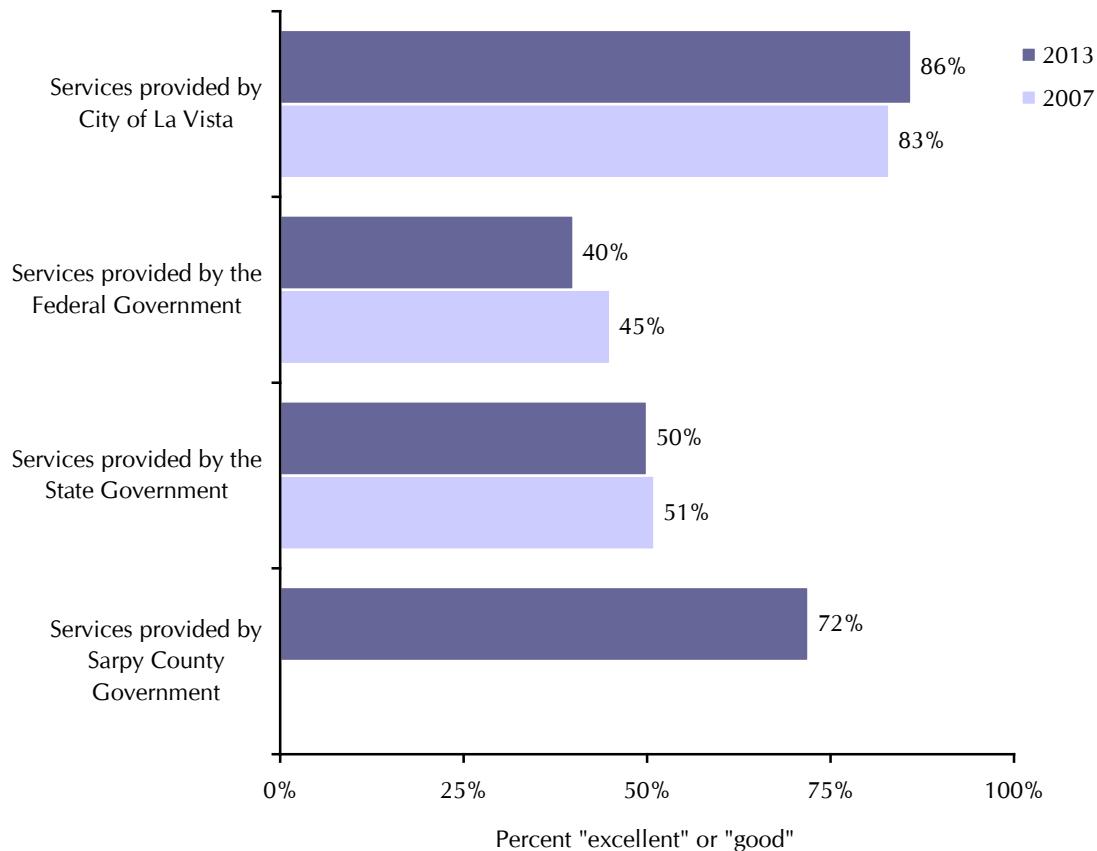


FIGURE 82: SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Services provided by the City of La Vista	Much above
Services provided by the Federal Government	Similar
Services provided by the State Government	Above
Services provided by Sarpy County Government	Much above

## City of La Vista Employees

The employees of the City of La Vista who interact with the public create the first impression that most residents have of the City of La Vista. Front line staff who provide information, assist with bill paying, collect trash, create service schedules, fight fires and crime and even give traffic tickets are the collective face of the City of La Vista. As such, it is important to know about residents' experience talking with that "face." When employees appear to be knowledgeable, responsive and courteous, residents are more likely to feel that any needs or problems may be solved through positive and productive interactions with the City of La Vista staff.

Those completing the survey were asked if they had been in contact with a City employee either in-person, over the phone or via email in the last 12 months; the 33% who reported that they had been in contact (a percent that is lower than the benchmark comparison) were then asked to indicate overall how satisfied they were with the employee in their most recent contact. City employees were rated highly; 89% of respondents rated their overall impression as "excellent" or "good." Employees ratings were higher than the national benchmark and most were higher than past survey years.

FIGURE 83: PROPORTION OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAD CONTACT WITH CITY EMPLOYEES IN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS BY YEAR

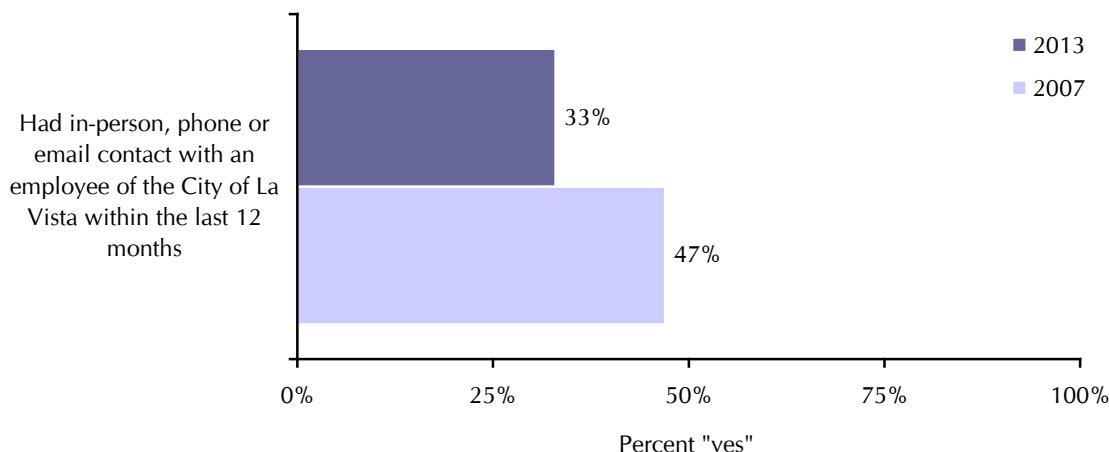


FIGURE 84: CONTACT WITH CITY EMPLOYEES BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Had contact with City employee(s) in last 12 months	Much less

FIGURE 85: RATINGS OF CITY EMPLOYEES (AMONG THOSE WHO HAD CONTACT) BY YEAR

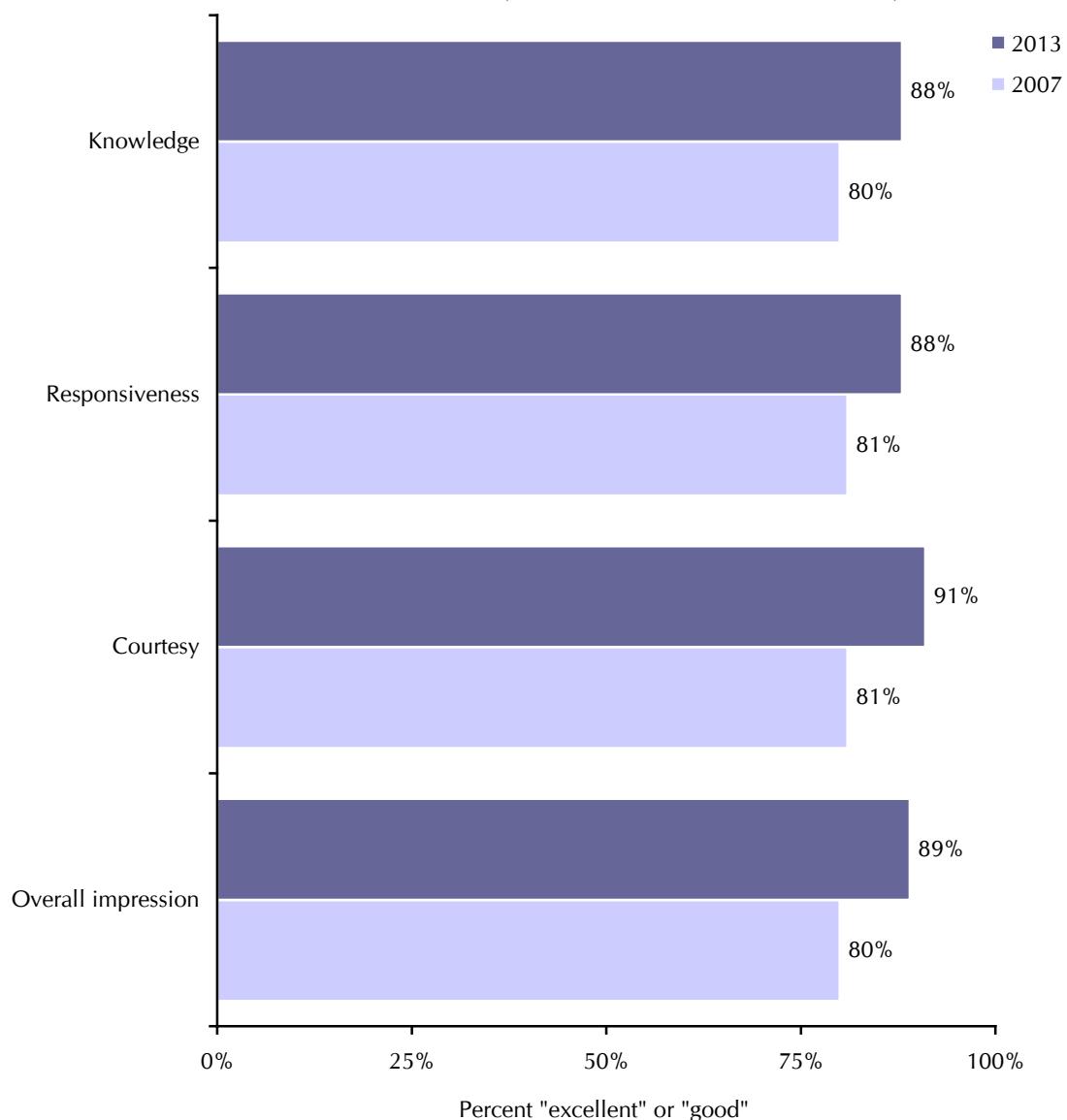


FIGURE 86: RATINGS OF CITY EMPLOYEES (AMONG THOSE WHO HAD CONTACT) BENCHMARKS

	Comparison to benchmark
Knowledge	Much above
Responsiveness	Much above
Courteousness	Much above
Overall impression	Much above

## FROM DATA TO ACTION

### RESIDENT PRIORITIES

Knowing where to focus limited resources to improve residents' opinions of local government requires information that targets the services that are most important to residents. However, when residents are asked what services are most important, they rarely stray beyond core services – those directed to save lives and improve safety.

In market research, identifying the most important characteristics of a transaction or product is called Key Driver Analysis (KDA). The key drivers that are identified from that analysis do not come from asking customers to self-report which service or product characteristic most influenced their decision to buy or return, but rather from statistical analyses of the predictors of their behavior. When customers are asked to name the most important characteristics of a good or service, responses often are expected or misleading – just as they can be in the context of a citizen survey. For example, air travelers often claim that safety is the primary consideration in their choice of an airline, yet key driver analysis reveals that frequent flier perks or in-flight entertainment predicts their buying decisions.

In local government core services – like fire protection – invariably land at the top of the list created when residents are asked about the most important local government services. And core services are important. But by using KDA, our approach digs deeper to identify the less obvious, but more influential services that are most related to residents' ratings of overall quality of local government services. Because services focused directly on life and safety remain essential to quality government, it is suggested that core services should remain the focus of continuous monitoring and improvement where necessary – but monitoring core services or asking residents to identify important services is not enough.

A KDA was conducted for the City of La Vista by examining the relationships between ratings of each service and ratings of the City of La Vista's overall services. Those Key Driver services that correlated most highly with residents' perceptions about overall City service quality have been identified. By targeting improvements in key services, the City of La Vista can focus on the services that have the greatest likelihood of influencing residents' opinions about overall service quality. Because a strong correlation is not the same as a cause, there is no guarantee that improving ratings on key drivers necessarily will improve ratings. What is certain from these analyses is that key drivers are good predictors of overall resident opinion and that the key drivers presented may be useful focus areas to consider for enhancement of overall service ratings.

Services found to be most strongly correlated with ratings of overall service quality from the La Vista Key Driver Analysis were:

- Economic development
- Fire services

## CITY OF LA VISTA ACTION CHART

The 2013 City of La Vista Action Chart™ on the following page combines three dimensions of performance:

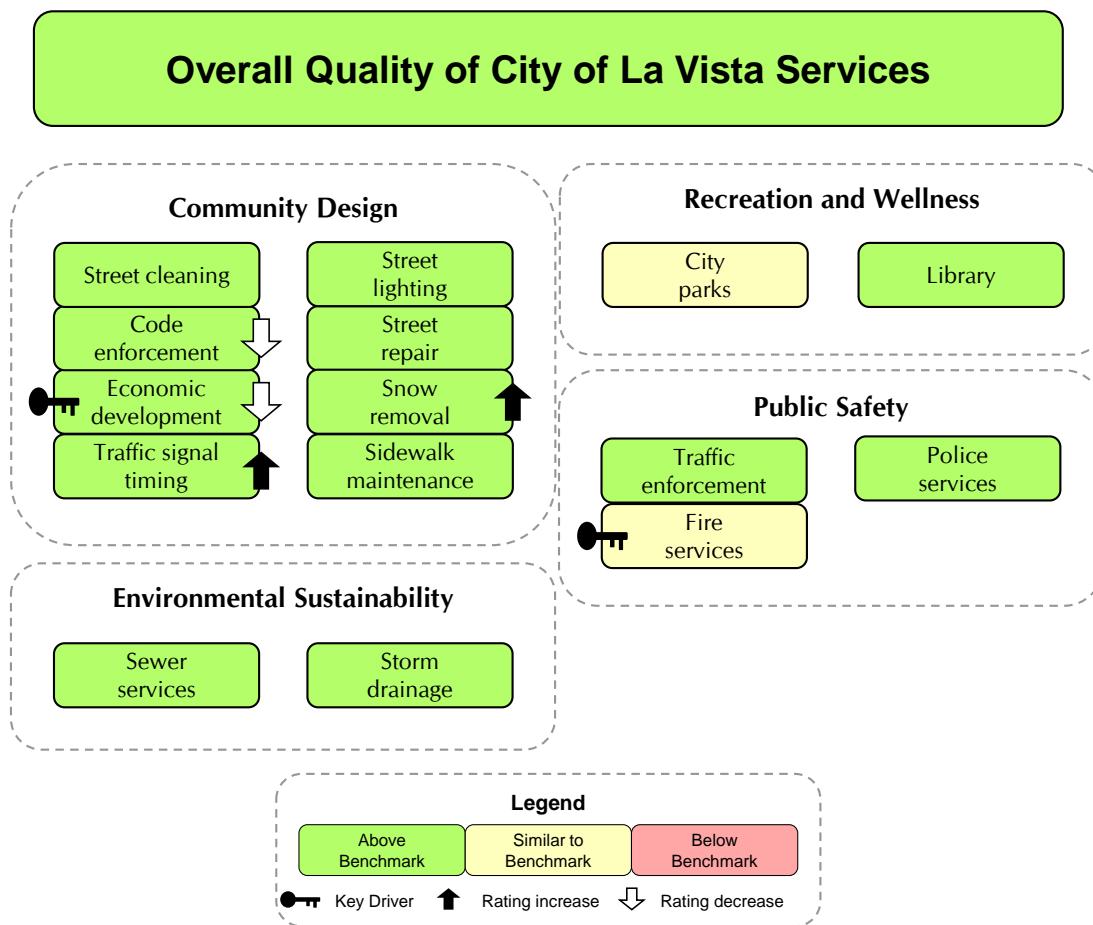
- Comparison to resident evaluations from other communities. When a comparison is available, the background color of each service box indicates whether the service is above the national benchmark (green), similar to the benchmark (yellow) or below the benchmark (red).
- Identification of key services. A black key icon (key) next to a service box indicates it as a key driver for the City.
- Trendline icons (up and down arrows), indicating whether the current ratings are higher or lower than the previous survey.

Fifteen services were included in the KDA for the City of La Vista. Of these, 13 were above the benchmark, none were below the benchmark and two were similar to the benchmark.

Considering all performance data included in the Action Chart, a jurisdiction typically will want to consider improvements to any key driver services that are not at least similar to the benchmark. In the case of La Vista, no key drivers were below the benchmark. Therefore, La Vista may wish to seek improvements to fire services, as this key driver received ratings similar to other benchmark jurisdictions. More detail about interpreting results can be found in the next section.

Services with a high percent of respondents answering “don’t know” were excluded from the analysis and were considered services that would be less influential. See Appendix A: Complete Survey Frequencies, Frequencies Including “Don’t Know” Responses for the percent “don’t know” for each service.

FIGURE 87: CITY OF LA VISTA ACTION CHART™



## USING YOUR ACTION CHART™

The key drivers derived for the City of La Vista provide a list of those services that are uniquely related to overall service quality. Those key drivers are marked with the symbol of a key in the action chart. Because key driver results are based on a relatively small number of responses, the relationships or correlations that define the key drivers are subject to more variability than is seen when key drivers are derived from a large national dataset of resident responses. To benefit the City of La Vista, NRC lists the key drivers derived from tens of thousands of resident responses from across the country. This national list is updated periodically so that you can compare your key drivers to the key drivers from the entire NRC dataset. Where your locally derived key drivers overlap national key drivers, it makes sense to focus even more strongly on your keys. Similarly, when your local key drivers overlap your core services, there is stronger argument to make for attending to your key drivers that overlap with core services.

As staff review key drivers, not all drivers may resonate as likely links to residents' perspectives about overall service quality. For example, in La Vista, planning and zoning and police services may be obvious links to overall service delivery (and each is a key driver from our national database), since it could be easy for staff to see how residents' view of overall service delivery could be colored by how well they perceive police and land use planning to be delivered. But animal control could be a surprise. Before rejecting a key driver that does not pass the first test of conventional wisdom, consider whether residents' opinions about overall service quality could reasonably be influenced by this unexpected driver. For example, in the case of animal control, was there a visible case of violation prior to the survey data collection? Do La Vista residents have different expectations for animal control than what current policy provides? Are the rare instances of violation serious enough to cause a word of mouth campaign about service delivery?

If, after deeper review, the "suspect" driver still does not square with your understanding of the services that could influence residents' perspectives about overall service quality (and if that driver is not a core service or a key driver from NRC's national research), put action in that area on hold and wait to see if it appears as a key driver the next time the survey is conducted.

In the following table, we have listed your key drivers, core services and the national key drivers and we have indicated (in bold typeface and with the symbol "•"), the City of La Vista key drivers that overlap core services or the nationally derived keys. In general, key drivers below the benchmark may be targeted for improvement. Additionally, we have indicated (with the symbol "◦") those services that neither are local nor national key drivers nor are they core services. It is these services that could be considered first for resource reductions.

FIGURE 88: KEY DRIVERS COMPARED

Service	City of La Vista Key Driver	National Key Driver	Core Service
Police services		✓	✓
• <b>Fire services</b>	✓		✓
◦ Traffic enforcement			
Street repair			✓
◦ Street cleaning			
◦ Street lighting			
◦ Snow removal			
◦ Sidewalk maintenance			
◦ Traffic signal timing			
Storm drainage			✓
Sewer services			✓
◦ City parks			
Code enforcement			✓
• <b>Economic development</b>	✓	✓	
◦ Public library			

- Key driver overlaps with national and or core services
- Service may be targeted for reductions it is not a key driver or core service

## CUSTOM QUESTIONS

### Custom Question 1

How likely or unlikely would you be to support an additional 1/2 cent sales tax for infrastructure improvements in both neighborhood parks and the development of Civic Center Park as identified in Vision 84?		Percent of respondents
Strongly support		35%
Somewhat support		36%
Somewhat oppose		15%
Strongly oppose		14%
Total		100%

### Custom Question 2

If the City were to offer more civic engagement opportunities (i.e. focus groups, town meetings, online forums, etc.) how likely or unlikely would you be to participate?		Percent of respondents
Very likely		9%
Somewhat likely		43%
Somewhat unlikely		26%
Very unlikely		21%
Total		100%

### Custom Question 3

How important, if at all, do you feel it is for the City of La Vista to continue to provide a swimming pool amenity?		Percent of respondents
Essential		21%
Very important		32%
Somewhat important		29%
Not at all important		18%
Total		100%

## APPENDIX A: COMPLETE SURVEY FREQUENCIES

### FREQUENCIES EXCLUDING “DON’T KNOW” RESPONSES

Question 1: Quality of Life					
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in La Vista:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
La Vista as a place to live	45%	51%	5%	0%	100%
Your neighborhood as a place to live	39%	50%	9%	1%	100%
La Vista as a place to raise children	43%	49%	7%	1%	100%
La Vista as a place to work	23%	41%	26%	10%	100%
La Vista as a place to retire	23%	42%	28%	8%	100%
The overall quality of life in La Vista	31%	60%	10%	0%	100%

Question 2: Community Characteristics					
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to La Vista as a whole:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Sense of community	16%	54%	25%	5%	100%
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	17%	53%	28%	2%	100%
Overall appearance of La Vista	18%	47%	29%	7%	100%
Cleanliness of La Vista	25%	49%	24%	2%	100%
Overall quality of new development in La Vista	20%	44%	27%	9%	100%
Variety of housing options	19%	56%	21%	4%	100%
Overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista	14%	41%	34%	11%	100%
Shopping opportunities	11%	24%	42%	23%	100%
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	6%	25%	47%	22%	100%
Recreational opportunities	10%	36%	42%	13%	100%
Employment opportunities	8%	23%	46%	23%	100%
Educational opportunities	22%	51%	22%	5%	100%
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	11%	47%	37%	6%	100%
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	18%	50%	27%	6%	100%
Opportunities to volunteer	12%	46%	37%	5%	100%
Opportunities to participate in community matters	12%	45%	39%	4%	100%
Ease of bus travel in La Vista	9%	21%	29%	42%	100%
Ease of bicycle travel in La Vista	13%	35%	35%	17%	100%
Ease of walking in La Vista	20%	46%	27%	6%	100%
Availability of paths and walking trails	15%	42%	28%	15%	100%
Traffic flow on major streets	18%	53%	23%	6%	100%
Amount of public parking	16%	55%	24%	5%	100%

Question 2: Community Characteristics						
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to La Vista as a whole:			Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
			Total			
Availability of affordable quality housing			16%	54%	27%	3%
Availability of affordable quality child care			12%	50%	28%	10%
Overall image or reputation of La Vista			19%	52%	26%	3%
						100%

Question 3: Growth						
Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in La Vista over the past 2 years:		Much too slow	Somewhat too slow	Right amount	Somewhat too fast	Much too fast
		Total				
Population growth	0%	10%	81%	7%	2%	100%
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	28%	42%	28%	1%	1%	100%
Jobs growth	19%	46%	34%	0%	1%	100%

Question 4: Code Enforcement		Percent of respondents
To what degree, if at all, are run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles a problem in La Vista?		
Not a problem		20%
Minor problem		45%
Moderate problem		24%
Major problem		11%
Total		100%

Question 5: Community Safety						
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel from the following in La Vista:		Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe
		Total				
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	49%	41%	8%	2%	0%	100%
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	27%	53%	11%	7%	1%	100%
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	61%	31%	7%	1%	0%	100%

Question 6: Personal Safety						
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Total
In your neighborhood during the day	81%	17%	1%	0%	0%	100%
In your neighborhood after dark	44%	45%	8%	3%	1%	100%
In La Vista's downtown area during the day	62%	31%	5%	2%	0%	100%
In La Vista's downtown area after dark	29%	50%	13%	7%	1%	100%

Question 7: Contact with Police Department			
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Police Department within the last 12 months?	No	Yes	Total
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Police Department within the last 12 months?	68%	32%	100%

Question 8: Ratings of Contact with Police Department					
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department?	46%	37%	15%	2%	100%

Question 9: Crime Victim	
During the past 12 months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?	Percent of respondents
No	92%
Yes	8%
Total	100%

Question 10: Crime Reporting	
If yes, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?	Percent of respondents
No	25%
Yes	75%
Total	100%

Question 11: Resident Behaviors						
In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in La Vista?	Never	Once or twice	3 to 12 times	13 to 26 times	More than 26 times	Total
Used La Vista public libraries or their services	40%	22%	22%	9%	7%	100%
Used La Vista recreation centers	54%	25%	14%	5%	3%	100%
Participated in a recreation program or activity	68%	18%	9%	3%	1%	100%
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	23%	29%	30%	11%	8%	100%
Ridden a local bus within La Vista	96%	2%	1%	0%	1%	100%
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	85%	8%	6%	1%	0%	100%
Read La Vista Newsletter	13%	24%	51%	7%	4%	100%
Visited the City of La Vista Web site (at <a href="http://www.cityoflavista.org">www.cityoflavista.org</a> )	40%	29%	21%	6%	3%	100%
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home	40%	6%	9%	14%	31%	100%
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in La Vista	84%	11%	3%	1%	1%	100%
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in La Vista	75%	13%	4%	3%	5%	100%
Participated in a club or civic group in La Vista	89%	6%	2%	2%	1%	100%
Provided help to a friend or neighbor	8%	30%	42%	11%	10%	100%

Question 12: Neighborliness	
About how often, if at all, do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors (people who live in the 10 or 20 households that are closest to you)?	Percent of respondents
Just about everyday	15%
Several times a week	24%
Several times a month	30%
Less than several times a month	31%
Total	100%

Question 13: Service Quality					
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in La Vista:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Police services	47%	43%	9%	1%	100%
Fire services	49%	42%	6%	3%	100%
Ambulance or emergency medical services	49%	42%	6%	3%	100%
Crime prevention	32%	53%	14%	1%	100%
Fire prevention and education	34%	50%	14%	2%	100%
Traffic enforcement	35%	47%	13%	5%	100%
Street repair	22%	49%	18%	10%	100%
Street cleaning	35%	42%	19%	4%	100%
Street lighting	31%	46%	18%	5%	100%
Snow removal	42%	37%	16%	6%	100%
Sidewalk maintenance	20%	46%	29%	5%	100%
Traffic signal timing	23%	46%	22%	9%	100%
Bus or transit services	14%	24%	29%	33%	100%
Storm drainage	23%	55%	19%	2%	100%
Sewer services	27%	56%	16%	1%	100%
City parks	29%	53%	14%	4%	100%
Recreation programs or classes	20%	56%	22%	2%	100%
Recreation centers or facilities	18%	58%	22%	1%	100%
Land use, planning and zoning	11%	43%	35%	10%	100%
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	13%	46%	26%	15%	100%
Animal control	21%	54%	21%	4%	100%
Economic development	13%	38%	35%	14%	100%
Services to seniors	21%	52%	26%	1%	100%
Services to youth	18%	53%	27%	2%	100%
Services to low-income people	14%	47%	30%	9%	100%
Public library services	44%	42%	13%	1%	100%
Public information services	22%	54%	20%	4%	100%
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)	19%	51%	22%	9%	100%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	13%	43%	36%	7%	100%

Question 14: Government Services Overall					
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
The City of La Vista	30%	56%	14%	0%	100%
The Federal Government	6%	34%	40%	20%	100%
The State Government	5%	44%	41%	10%	100%
Sarpy County Government	12%	60%	24%	4%	100%

Question 15: Recommendation and Longevity					
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Total
Recommend living in La Vista to someone who asks	58%	36%	4%	1%	100%
Remain in La Vista for the next five years	58%	28%	7%	6%	100%

Question 16: Impact of the Economy					
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:	Percent of respondents				
Very positive	4%				
Somewhat positive	18%				
Neutral	43%				
Somewhat negative	28%				
Very negative	7%				
Total	100%				

Question 17: Contact with Fire Department					
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Fire Department within the last 12 months?	No	Yes	Total		
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Fire Department within the last 12 months?	90%	10%	100%		

Question 18: Ratings of Contact with Fire Department					
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department?	66%	19%	8%	7%	100%

Question 19: Contact with City Employees	
Have you had any in-person, phone or email with an employee of the City of La Vista within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, planners or any others)?	Percent of respondents
No	67%
Yes	33%
Total	100%

Question 20: City Employees					
What was your impression of the employee(s) of the City of La Vista in your most recent contact?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
Knowledge	45%	43%	11%	1%	100%
Responsiveness	47%	41%	8%	4%	100%
Courtesy	51%	40%	6%	3%	100%
Overall impression	46%	42%	8%	3%	100%

Question 21: Government Performance					
Please rate the following categories of La Vista government performance:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total
The value of services for the taxes paid to La Vista	15%	53%	27%	6%	100%
The overall direction that La Vista is taking	19%	47%	27%	7%	100%
The job La Vista government does at welcoming citizen involvement	12%	43%	34%	11%	100%

Question 22a: Custom Question 1	
How likely or unlikely would you be to support an additional 1/2 cent sales tax for infrastructure improvements in both neighborhood parks and the development of Civic Center Park as identified in Vision 84?	Percent of respondents
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	14%
Total	100%

Question 22b: Custom Question 2	
If the City were to offer more civic engagement opportunities (i.e. focus groups, town meetings, online forums, etc.) how likely or unlikely would you be to participate?	Percent of respondents
Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	43%
Somewhat unlikely	26%
Very unlikely	21%
Total	100%

Question 22c: Custom Question 3	
How important, if at all, do you feel it is for the City of La Vista to continue to provide a swimming pool amenity?	Percent of respondents
Essential	21%
Very important	32%
Somewhat important	29%
Not at all important	18%
Total	100%

Question D1: Employment Status	
Are you currently employed for pay?	Percent of respondents
No	18%
Yes, full-time	72%
Yes, part-time	10%
Total	100%

Question D2: Mode of Transportation Used for Commute	
During a typical week, how many days do you commute to work (for the longest distance of your commute) in each of the ways listed below?	Percent of days mode used
Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) by myself	85%
Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) with other children or adults	11%
Bus, rail, subway or other public transportation	0%
Walk	1%
Bicycle	0%
Work at home	2%
Other	0%

Question D3: Length of Residency	
How many years have you lived in La Vista?	Percent of respondents
Less than 2 years	17%
2 to 5 years	29%
6 to 10 years	18%
11 to 20 years	15%
More than 20 years	21%
Total	100%

Question D4: Housing Unit Type	
Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents
One family house detached from any other houses	61%
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	3%
Building with two or more apartments or condominiums	36%
Mobile home	0%
Other	1%
Total	100%

Question D5: Housing Tenure (Rent/Own)	
Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent of respondents
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment	45%
Owned by you or someone in this house with a mortgage or free and clear	55%
Total	100%

Question D6: Monthly Housing Cost	
About how much is the monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners" association (HOA) fees)?	Percent of respondents
Less than \$300 per month	3%
\$300 to \$599 per month	8%
\$600 to \$999 per month	50%
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	29%
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	9%
\$2,500 or more per month	1%
Total	100%

Question D7: Presence of Children in Household	
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent of respondents
No	61%
Yes	39%
Total	100%

Question D8: Presence of Older Adults in Household	
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent of respondents
No	86%
Yes	14%
Total	100%

Question D9: Household Income	
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents
Less than \$24,999	11%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	33%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12%
\$150,000 or more	4%
Total	100%

Question D10: Ethnicity	
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent of respondents
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	97%
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	3%
Total	100%

Question D11: Race	
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent of respondents
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	2%
Black or African American	2%
White	92%
Other	3%
Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option	

Question D12: Age	
In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents
18 to 24 years	3%
25 to 34 years	34%
35 to 44 years	16%
45 to 54 years	22%
55 to 64 years	12%
65 to 74 years	8%
75 years or older	5%
Total	100%

Question D13: Gender	
What is your sex?	Percent of respondents
Female	53%
Male	47%
Total	100%

Question D14: Registered to Vote	
Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?	Percent of respondents
No	19%
Yes	80%
Ineligible to vote	1%
Total	100%

Question D15: Voted in Last General Election	
Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?	Percent of respondents
No	25%
Yes	74%
Ineligible to vote	1%
Total	100%

Question D16: Has Cell Phone	
Do you have a cell phone?	Percent of respondents
No	4%
Yes	96%
Total	100%

Question D17: Has Land Line	
Do you have a land line at home?	Percent of respondents
No	53%
Yes	47%
Total	100%

Question D18: Primary Phone	
If you have both a cell phone and a land line, which do you consider your primary telephone number?	Percent of respondents
Cell	20%
Land line	61%
Both	19%
Total	100%

## FREQUENCIES INCLUDING “DON’T KNOW” RESPONSES

These tables contain the percentage of respondents for each response category as well as the “n” or total number of respondents for each category, next to the percentage.

Question 1: Quality of Life												
Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in La Vista:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
La Vista as a place to live	45%	178	51%	203	5%	18	0%	0	0%	0	100%	400
Your neighborhood as a place to live	39%	156	50%	201	9%	37	1%	4	0%	1	100%	400
La Vista as a place to raise children	39%	152	44%	172	6%	24	1%	4	11%	43	100%	396
La Vista as a place to work	15%	59	27%	106	17%	69	7%	27	35%	137	100%	397
La Vista as a place to retire	17%	66	31%	123	21%	81	6%	23	26%	103	100%	396
The overall quality of life in La Vista	31%	123	60%	237	10%	38	0%	0	0%	0	100%	398

Question 2: Community Characteristics												
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to La Vista as a whole:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n
Sense of community	16%	62	51%	203	24%	94	5%	20	4%	16	100%	395
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds	15%	58	47%	187	25%	98	2%	7	12%	46	100%	396
Overall appearance of La Vista	18%	70	47%	187	29%	114	7%	26	0%	1	100%	398
Cleanliness of La Vista	25%	99	49%	194	24%	96	2%	6	0%	1	100%	397
Overall quality of new development in La Vista	19%	76	42%	169	26%	103	9%	36	4%	15	100%	400
Variety of housing options	18%	72	53%	212	21%	82	4%	16	4%	15	100%	397
Overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista	13%	54	40%	161	34%	135	10%	42	2%	8	100%	400
Shopping opportunities	11%	43	24%	96	42%	168	23%	91	0%	1	100%	398
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	5%	20	19%	76	38%	148	17%	67	21%	81	100%	393
Recreational opportunities	9%	36	33%	131	38%	152	11%	46	9%	35	100%	400
Employment opportunities	5%	21	15%	61	31%	123	15%	60	33%	131	100%	396
Educational opportunities	18%	73	42%	167	18%	71	4%	18	18%	71	100%	399

Question 2: Community Characteristics														
Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to La Vista as a whole:			Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities	9%	36	39%	157	31%	123	5%	19	16%	63	100%	397		
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities	12%	48	34%	133	18%	72	4%	15	32%	128	100%	397		
Opportunities to volunteer	8%	30	29%	115	23%	93	3%	12	37%	147	100%	397		
Opportunities to participate in community matters	8%	33	33%	128	28%	110	3%	13	28%	109	100%	392		
Ease of bus travel in La Vista	4%	16	9%	35	13%	50	18%	71	56%	222	100%	394		
Ease of bicycle travel in La Vista	9%	35	23%	91	24%	93	11%	45	33%	132	100%	396		
Ease of walking in La Vista	19%	75	42%	168	25%	98	6%	24	9%	34	100%	399		
Availability of paths and walking trails	13%	52	37%	146	25%	99	13%	51	11%	45	100%	393		
Traffic flow on major streets	18%	71	52%	209	23%	91	6%	24	1%	3	100%	398		
Amount of public parking	15%	60	51%	202	22%	88	4%	17	7%	30	100%	396		
Availability of affordable quality housing	14%	56	48%	192	24%	98	3%	11	10%	42	100%	399		
Availability of affordable quality child care	5%	20	22%	87	13%	50	5%	18	55%	213	100%	388		
Overall image or reputation of La Vista	19%	76	52%	207	25%	101	3%	11	1%	4	100%	399		

Question 3: Growth															
Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in La Vista over the past 2 years:		Much too slow		Somewhat too slow		Right amount		Somewhat too fast		Much too fast		Don't know		Total	
Population growth	0%	1	8%	30	60%	237	5%	19	1%	5	26%	104	100%	396	
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.)	25%	101	38%	150	25%	98	1%	4	1%	5	10%	40	100%	398	
Jobs growth	11%	43	26%	102	19%	76	0%	0	0%	2	44%	173	100%	396	

Question 4: Code Enforcement		
To what degree, if at all, are run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles a problem in La Vista?		Percent of respondents
		Count
Not a problem		18%
Minor problem		42%
Moderate problem		22%
Major problem		10%
Don't know		8%
Total		100%
		394

Question 5: Community Safety													
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel from the following in La Vista:		Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know	Total
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	48%	189	40%	158	8%	31	2%	9	0%	2	2%	8	100% 396
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	26%	104	52%	204	11%	44	7%	28	1%	5	2%	10	100% 395
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste	54%	214	27%	108	7%	26	1%	3	0%	1	11%	42	100% 395

Question 6: Personal Safety													
Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:		Very safe		Somewhat safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Somewhat unsafe		Very unsafe		Don't know	Total
In your neighborhood during the day	81%	319	17%	67	1%	5	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	100% 395
In your neighborhood after dark	43%	171	45%	176	8%	30	3%	12	1%	2	1%	4	100% 395
In La Vista's downtown area during the day	50%	196	25%	99	4%	14	1%	5	0%	1	19%	74	100% 390
In La Vista's downtown area after dark	22%	85	38%	146	10%	39	5%	21	1%	3	24%	95	100% 389

Question 7: Contact with Police Department								
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Police Department within the last 12 months?	No		Yes		Don't know		Total	
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Police Department within the last 12 months?	67%	264	32%	125	1%	5	100%	394

Question 8: Ratings of Contact with Police Department											
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department?	46%	57	37%	46	15%	19	2%	2	0%	0	100% 125

Question 9: Crime Victim					
During the past 12 months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?				Percent of respondents	Count
No				91%	362
Yes				8%	32
Don't know				1%	2
Total				100%	396

Question 10: Crime Reporting				
If yes, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?			Percent of respondents	Count
No			25%	8
Yes			75%	24
Don't know			0%	0
Total			100%	32

In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in La Vista?	Question 11: Resident Behaviors										
	Never		Once or twice		3 to 12 times		13 to 26 times		More than 26 times		Total
Used La Vista public libraries or their services	40%	160	22%	85	22%	87	9%	37	7%	26	100% 396
Used La Vista recreation centers	54%	213	25%	97	14%	55	5%	20	3%	10	100% 396
Participated in a recreation program or activity	68%	268	18%	72	9%	37	3%	11	1%	4	100% 391
Visited a neighborhood park or City park	23%	89	29%	112	30%	116	11%	44	8%	31	100% 392
Ridden a local bus within La Vista	96%	371	2%	8	1%	6	0%	1	1%	3	100% 388
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting	85%	338	8%	33	6%	22	1%	2	0%	0	100% 396
Read La Vista Newsletter	13%	49	24%	94	51%	197	7%	29	4%	16	100% 385
Visited the City of La Vista Web site (at <a href="http://www.cityoflavista.org">www.cityoflavista.org</a> )	40%	159	29%	115	21%	84	6%	24	3%	12	100% 393
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home	40%	157	6%	24	9%	33	14%	56	31%	121	100% 391
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in La Vista	84%	326	11%	43	3%	12	1%	5	1%	4	100% 391
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in La Vista	75%	294	13%	51	4%	17	3%	13	5%	20	100% 394
Participated in a club or civic group in La Vista	89%	347	6%	25	2%	9	2%	6	1%	4	100% 391
Provided help to a friend or neighbor	8%	32	30%	119	42%	165	11%	42	10%	38	100% 397

Question 12: Neighborliness		
About how often, if at all, do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors (people who live in the 10 or 20 households that are closest to you)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Just about everyday	15%	59
Several times a week	24%	96
Several times a month	30%	116
Less than several times a month	31%	123
Total	100%	394

Question 13: Service Quality												
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in La Vista:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
Police services	44%	173	40%	159	9%	34	0%	2	7%	26	100%	394
Fire services	40%	158	35%	137	5%	20	2%	9	18%	69	100%	394
Ambulance or emergency medical services	34%	135	30%	117	4%	16	2%	9	30%	117	100%	394
Crime prevention	27%	105	44%	174	12%	46	1%	5	16%	62	100%	392
Fire prevention and education	25%	97	35%	139	10%	39	2%	6	29%	113	100%	393
Traffic enforcement	31%	122	43%	167	12%	46	4%	16	10%	39	100%	389
Street repair	22%	85	48%	186	17%	68	9%	37	4%	15	100%	391
Street cleaning	34%	132	40%	159	19%	73	4%	15	4%	14	100%	394
Street lighting	30%	119	45%	177	18%	71	5%	19	2%	8	100%	394
Snow removal	41%	163	36%	143	15%	60	6%	22	1%	5	100%	394
Sidewalk maintenance	19%	74	43%	169	28%	109	4%	17	6%	24	100%	393
Traffic signal timing	22%	87	44%	173	22%	85	9%	34	3%	13	100%	391
Bus or transit services	5%	18	8%	30	9%	37	11%	42	68%	262	100%	388
Storm drainage	19%	76	46%	178	16%	63	2%	8	17%	67	100%	392
Sewer services	22%	84	45%	176	13%	50	1%	4	19%	74	100%	387
City parks	25%	100	48%	187	13%	50	4%	14	11%	42	100%	393
Recreation programs or classes	11%	42	30%	116	11%	44	1%	3	47%	186	100%	392
Recreation centers or facilities	11%	45	36%	140	14%	54	1%	3	38%	147	100%	389
Land use, planning and zoning	8%	29	29%	113	24%	92	7%	26	33%	127	100%	389
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.)	10%	38	35%	136	19%	76	11%	44	25%	100	100%	393
Animal control	14%	56	37%	143	14%	56	2%	9	32%	125	100%	389
Economic development	11%	42	30%	118	28%	109	11%	44	20%	79	100%	391
Services to seniors	8%	32	20%	80	10%	41	1%	2	60%	236	100%	390
Services to youth	9%	35	26%	100	13%	51	1%	4	52%	201	100%	390
Services to low-income people	5%	19	16%	63	10%	41	3%	12	66%	256	100%	391
Public library services	33%	128	31%	122	9%	36	1%	2	26%	99	100%	387

Question 13: Service Quality													
Please rate the quality of each of the following services in La Vista:		Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
Public information services		15%	58	37%	144	14%	55	3%	10	31%	119	100%	386
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations)		10%	39	27%	105	11%	45	5%	18	47%	185	100%	391
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts		7%	29	24%	94	20%	79	4%	16	44%	170	100%	388

Question 14: Government Services Overall													
Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?		Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
The City of La Vista		29%	114	54%	210	14%	53	0%	2	3%	13	100%	391
The Federal Government		5%	19	29%	111	34%	132	16%	64	16%	62	100%	388
The State Government		4%	17	38%	148	35%	135	9%	33	14%	54	100%	388
Sarpy County Government		10%	39	51%	201	21%	81	4%	14	14%	55	100%	390

Question 15: Recommendation and Longevity													
Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:		Very likely		Somewhat likely		Somewhat unlikely		Very unlikely		Don't know		Total	
Recommend living in La Vista to someone who asks		57%	224	36%	141	4%	16	1%	5	2%	7	100%	392
Remain in La Vista for the next five years		57%	224	27%	108	7%	29	6%	23	2%	9	100%	393

Question 16: Impact of the Economy			
What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:		Percent of respondents	Count
Very positive		4%	15
Somewhat positive		18%	69
Neutral		43%	171
Somewhat negative		28%	110
Very negative		7%	28
Total		100%	393

Question 17: Contact with Fire Department							
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Fire Department within the last 12 months?				No	Yes	Don't know	Total
Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Fire Department within the last 12 months?	90%	359	10%	40	0%	0	100% 399

Question 18: Ratings of Contact with Fire Department									
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know	Total			
What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department?	66%	27	19%	8	8%	3	7%	3	0% 0 100% 40

Question 19: Contact with City Employees									
Have you had any in-person, phone or email with an employee of the City of La Vista within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, planners or any others)?								Percent of respondents	Count
No								67%	264
Yes								33%	133
Total								100%	396

Question 20: City Employees												
What was your impression of the employee(s) of the City of La Vista in your most recent contact?	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	Knowledge	45%	59	43%	57	11%	14	1%	2	0%	0	100%
Responsiveness	46%	62	41%	54	8%	11	4%	5	0%	1	100%	133
Courtesy	51%	68	40%	53	6%	8	3%	4	0%	0	100%	133
Overall impression	46%	61	42%	56	8%	11	3%	4	0%	0	100%	133

Question 21: Government Performance												
Please rate the following categories of La Vista government performance:	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Don't know		Total	
	The value of services for the taxes paid to La Vista	12%	49	45%	178	23%	91	5%	19	15%	61	100%
The overall direction that La Vista is taking	17%	68	43%	172	25%	99	7%	26	8%	31	100%	397
The job La Vista government does at welcoming citizen involvement	9%	34	32%	127	25%	100	9%	34	25%	101	100%	396

Question 22a: Custom Question 1												
How likely or unlikely would you be to support an additional 1/2 cent sales tax for infrastructure improvements in both neighborhood parks and the development of Civic Center Park as identified in Vision 84?										Percent of respondents	Count	
Strongly support										32%	125	
Somewhat support										33%	129	
Somewhat oppose										14%	54	
Strongly oppose										12%	48	
Don't know										9%	36	
Total										100%	393	

Question 22b: Custom Question 2			
If the City were to offer more civic engagement opportunities (i.e. focus groups, town meetings, online forums, etc.) how likely or unlikely would you be to participate?	Percent of respondents	Count	
Very likely	9%	35	
Somewhat likely	40%	160	
Somewhat unlikely	24%	97	
Very unlikely	20%	78	
Don't know	7%	28	
Total	100%	398	

Question 22c: Custom Question 3			
How important, if at all, do you feel it is for the City of La Vista to continue to provide a swimming pool amenity?	Percent of respondents	Count	
Essential	19%	77	
Very important	31%	121	
Somewhat important	27%	107	
Not at all important	17%	68	
Don't know	6%	23	
Total	100%	396	

Question D1: Employment Status			
Are you currently employed for pay?	Percent of respondents	Count	
No	18%	67	
Yes, full-time	72%	274	
Yes, part-time	10%	40	
Total	100%	382	

Question D2: Mode of Transportation Used for Commute		
During a typical week, how many days do you commute to work (for the longest distance of your commute) in each of the ways listed below?	Percent of days mode used	
Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) by myself	85%	
Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) with other children or adults	11%	
Bus, rail, subway or other public transportation	0%	
Walk	1%	
Bicycle	0%	
Work at home	2%	
Other	0%	

Question D3: Length of Residency		
How many years have you lived in La Vista?	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than 2 years	17%	67
2 to 5 years	29%	111
6 to 10 years	18%	68
11 to 20 years	15%	56
More than 20 years	21%	82
Total	100%	383

Question D4: Housing Unit Type		
Which best describes the building you live in?	Percent of respondents	Count
One family house detached from any other houses	61%	235
House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)	3%	10
Building with two or more apartments or condominiums	36%	137
Mobile home	0%	0
Other	1%	3
Total	100%	385

Question D5: Housing Tenure (Rent/Own)		
Is this house, apartment or mobile home...	Percent of respondents	Count
Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment	45%	169
Owned by you or someone in this house with a mortgage or free and clear	55%	210
Total	100%	379

Question D6: Monthly Housing Cost		
About how much is the monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$300 per month	3%	11
\$300 to \$599 per month	8%	30
\$600 to \$999 per month	50%	188
\$1,000 to \$1,499 per month	29%	110
\$1,500 to \$2,499 per month	9%	34
\$2,500 or more per month	1%	5
Total	100%	378

Question D7: Presence of Children in Household		
Do any children 17 or under live in your household?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	61%	234
Yes	39%	148
Total	100%	382

Question D8: Presence of Older Adults in Household		
Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	86%	328
Yes	14%	53
Total	100%	381

Question D9: Household Income		
How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)	Percent of respondents	Count
Less than \$24,999	11%	40
\$25,000 to \$49,999	33%	121
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40%	145
\$100,000 to \$149,999	12%	44
\$150,000 or more	4%	16
Total	100%	367

Question D10: Ethnicity		
Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?	Percent of respondents	Count
No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	97%	370
Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino	3%	11
Total	100%	381

Question D11: Race			
What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be.)	Percent of respondents	Count	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3%	10	
Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander	2%	8	
Black or African American	2%	9	
White	92%	351	
Other	3%	11	

Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option

Question D12: Age			
In which category is your age?	Percent of respondents	Count	
18 to 24 years	3%	12	
25 to 34 years	34%	130	
35 to 44 years	16%	61	
45 to 54 years	22%	82	
55 to 64 years	12%	47	
65 to 74 years	8%	29	
75 years or older	5%	19	
Total	100%	381	

Question D13: Gender			
What is your sex?	Percent of respondents	Count	
Female	53%	203	
Male	47%	178	
Total	100%	381	

## Question D14: Registered to Vote

Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	19%	73
Yes	78%	297
Ineligible to vote	1%	3
Don't know	3%	10
Total	100%	383

## Question D15: Voted in Last General Election

Many people don't have time to vote in elections. Did you vote in the last general election?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	25%	95
Yes	74%	282
Ineligible to vote	1%	5
Don't know	0%	1
Total	100%	382

## Question D16: Has Cell Phone

Do you have a cell phone?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	4%	16
Yes	96%	364
Total	100%	380

## Question D17: Has Land Line

Do you have a land line at home?	Percent of respondents	Count
No	53%	203
Yes	47%	177
Total	100%	380

Question D18: Primary Phone		
If you have both a cell phone and a land line, which do you consider your primary telephone number?	Percent of respondents	Count
Cell	20%	33
Land line	61%	100
Both	19%	31
Total	100%	163

## APPENDIX B: SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) was developed to provide local jurisdictions an accurate, affordable and easy way to assess and interpret resident opinion about important community issues. While standardization of question wording and survey methods provide the rigor to assure valid results, each jurisdiction has enough flexibility to construct a customized version of The NCS™ that asks residents about key local services and important local issues.

Results offer insight into residents' perspectives about local government performance and as such provide important benchmarks for jurisdictions working on performance measurement. The NCS™ is designed to help with budget, land use and strategic planning as well as to communicate with local residents. The NCS™ permits questions to test support for local policies and answers to its questions also speak to community trust and involvement in community-building activities as well as to resident demographic characteristics.

### SURVEY VALIDITY

The question of survey validity has two parts: 1) how can a jurisdiction be confident that the results from those who completed the questionnaire are representative of the results that would have been obtained had the survey been administered to the entire population? and 2) how closely do the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do?

To answer the first question, the best survey research practices were used for the resources spent to ensure that the results from the survey respondents reflect the opinions of residents in the entire jurisdiction. These practices include:

- Using a mail-out/mail-back methodology, which typically gets a higher response rate than phone for the same dollars spent. A higher response rate lessens the worry that those who did not respond are different than those who did respond.
- Selecting households at random within the jurisdiction to receive the survey. A random selection ensures that the households selected to receive the survey are similar to the entire population. A non-random sample may only include households from one geographic area, or from households of only one type.
- Over-sampling multi-family housing units to improve response from hard-to-reach, lower income, or younger apartment dwellers.
- Selecting the respondent within the household using an unbiased sampling procedure; in this case, the "birthday method." The cover letter included an instruction requesting that the respondent in the household be the adult (18 years old or older) who most recently had a birthday, irrespective of year of birth.
- Contacting potential respondents three times to encourage response from people who may have different opinions or habits than those who would respond with only a single prompt.
- Soliciting response on jurisdiction letterhead signed by the highest ranking elected official or staff member, thus appealing to the recipients' sense of civic responsibility.
- Providing a self-addressed, postage-paid return envelope.
- Offering the survey in Spanish when appropriate and requested by City officials.
- Using the most recent available information about the characteristics of jurisdiction residents to weight the data to reflect the demographics of the population.

The answer to the second question about how closely the perspectives recorded on the survey reflect what residents really believe or do is more complex. Resident responses to surveys are influenced by a variety of factors. For questions about service quality, residents' expectations for

service quality play a role as well as the “objective” quality of the service provided, the way the resident perceives the entire community (that is, the context in which the service is provided), the scale on which the resident is asked to record his or her opinion and, of course, the opinion, itself, that a resident holds about the service. Similarly a resident’s report of certain behaviors is colored by what he or she believes is the socially desirable response (e.g., reporting tolerant behaviors toward “oppressed groups,” likelihood of voting a tax increase for services to poor people, use of alternative modes of travel to work besides the single occupancy vehicle), his or her memory of the actual behavior (if it is not a question speculating about future actions, like a vote), his or her confidence that he or she can be honest without suffering any negative consequences (thus the need for anonymity) as well as the actual behavior itself.

How closely survey results come to recording the way a person really feels or behaves often is measured by the coincidence of reported behavior with observed current behavior (e.g., driving habits), reported intentions to behave with observed future behavior (e.g., voting choices) or reported opinions about current community quality with objective characteristics of the community (e.g., feelings of safety correlated with rates of crime). There is a body of scientific literature that has investigated the relationship between reported behaviors and actual behaviors. Well-conducted surveys, by and large, do capture true respondent behaviors or intentions to act with great accuracy. Predictions of voting outcomes tend to be quite accurate using survey research, as do reported behaviors that are not about highly sensitive issues (e.g., family abuse or other illegal or morally sanctioned activities). For self-reports about highly sensitive issues, statistical adjustments can be made to correct for the respondents’ tendency to report what they think the “correct” response should be.

Research on the correlation of resident opinion about service quality and “objective” ratings of service quality tend to be ambiguous, some showing stronger relationships than others. NRC’s own research has demonstrated that residents who report the lowest ratings of street repair live in communities with objectively worse street conditions than those who report high ratings of street repair (based on road quality, delay in street repair, number of road repair employees). Similarly, the lowest rated fire services appear to be “objectively” worse than the highest rated fire services (expenditures per capita, response time, “professional” status of firefighters, breadth of services and training provided). Whether or not some research confirms the relationship between what residents think about a community and what can be seen “objectively” in a community, NRC has argued that resident opinion is a perspective that cannot be ignored by government administrators. NRC principals have written, “If you collect trash three times a day but residents think that your trash haul is lousy, you still have a problem.”

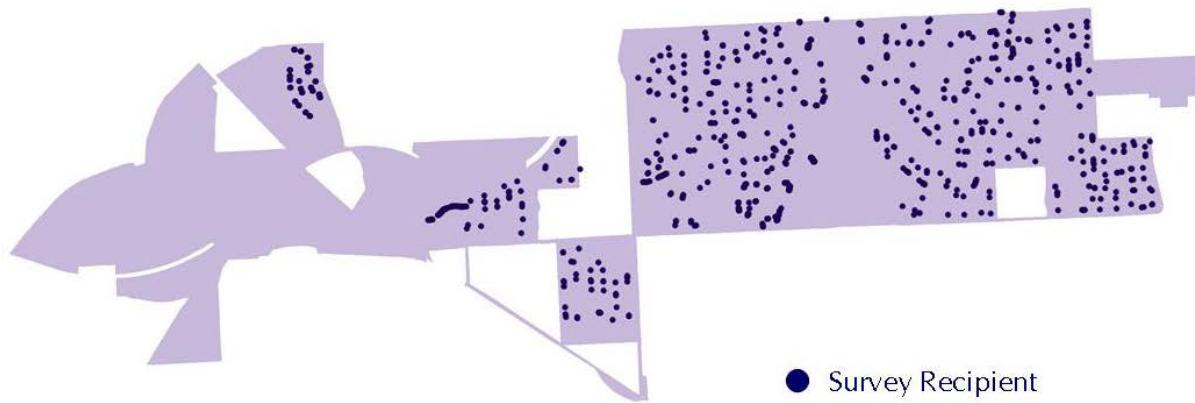
## SURVEY SAMPLING

“Sampling” refers to the method by which survey recipients were chosen. All households within the City of La Vista were eligible to participate in the survey; 1,200 were selected to receive the survey. These 1,200 households were randomly selected from a comprehensive list of all housing units within the City of La Vista boundaries. The basis of the list of all housing units was a United States Postal Service listing of housing units within zip codes. Since some of the zip codes that serve the City of La Vista households may also serve addresses that lie outside of the jurisdiction, the exact geographic location of each housing unit was compared to jurisdiction boundaries, using the most current municipal boundary file (updated on a quarterly basis), and addresses located outside of the City of La Vista boundaries were removed from consideration.

To choose the 1,200 survey recipients, a systematic sampling method was applied to the list of households known to be within the City of La Vista. Systematic sampling is a procedure whereby a complete list of all possible items is culled, selecting every Nth one until the appropriate amount of items is selected. Multi-family housing units were over sampled as residents of this type of housing typically respond at lower rates to surveys than do those in single-family housing units.

FIGURE 89: LOCATION OF SURVEY RECIPIENTS

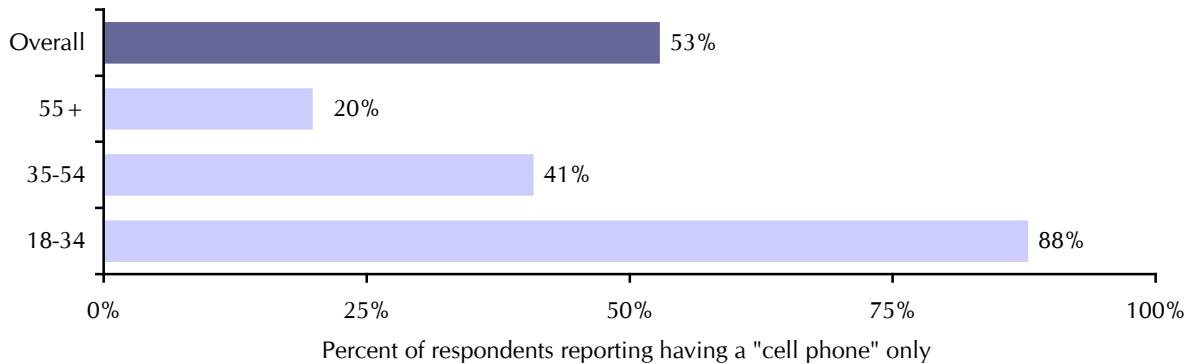
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An individual within each household was selected using the birthday method. The birthday method selects a person within the household by asking the “person whose birthday has most recently passed” to complete the questionnaire. The underlying assumption in this method is that day of birth has no relationship to the way people respond to surveys. This instruction was contained in the cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

In response to the growing number of the cell-phone population (so-called “cord cutters”), which includes a large proportion of young adults, questions about cell phones and land lines are included on The NCS™ questionnaire. As of the middle of 2010 (the most recent estimates available as of the end of 2010), 26.6% of U.S. households had a cell phone but no landline.<sup>2</sup> Among younger adults (age 18-34), 53.7% of households were “cell-only.” Based on survey results, La Vista has a “cord cutter” population greater than the nationwide 2010 estimates.

FIGURE 90: PREVALENCE OF CELL-PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS IN LA VISTA



## SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

Selected households received three mailings, one week apart, beginning January 4, 2013. The first mailing was a prenotification postcard announcing the upcoming survey. The next mailing contained a letter from the Mayor inviting the household to participate, a questionnaire and a postage-paid return envelope. The final mailing contained a reminder letter, another survey and a postage-paid return envelope. The second cover letter asked those who had not completed the survey to do so and those who have already done so to refrain from turning in another survey. Completed surveys were collected over the following five weeks.

## SURVEY RESPONSE RATE AND CONFIDENCE INTERVALS

It is customary to describe the precision of estimates made from surveys by a “level of confidence” and accompanying “confidence interval” (or margin of error). A traditional level of confidence, and the one used here, is 95%. The 95% confidence interval can be any size and quantifies the sampling error or imprecision of the survey results because some residents’ opinions are relied on to estimate all residents’ opinions. The confidence interval for the City of La Vista survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points around any given percent reported for the entire sample (409 completed surveys).

A 95% confidence interval indicates that for every 100 random samples of this many residents, 95 of the confidence intervals created will include the “true” population response. This theory is applied in practice to mean that the “true” perspective of the target population lies within the confidence interval created for a single survey. For example, if 75% of residents rate a service as “excellent” or “good,” then the 4% margin of error (for the 95% confidence interval) indicates that the range of likely responses for the entire jurisdiction is between 71% and 79%. This source of error is called sampling error. In addition to sampling error, other sources of error may affect any survey, including the non-response of residents with opinions different from survey responders.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/wireless201012.pdf>

Though standardized on The NCS, on other surveys, differences in question wording, order, translation and data entry, as examples, can lead to somewhat varying results.

For subgroups of responses, the margin of error increases because the sample size for the subgroup is smaller. For subgroups of approximately 100 respondents, the margin of error is plus or minus 10 percentage points

## **SURVEY PROCESSING (DATA ENTRY)**

Completed surveys received by NRC were assigned a unique identification number. Additionally, each survey was reviewed and “cleaned” as necessary. For example, a question may have asked a respondent to pick two items out of a list of five, but the respondent checked three; NRC staff would choose randomly two of the three selected items to be coded in the dataset.

Once all surveys were assigned a unique identification number, they were entered into an electronic dataset. This dataset was subject to a data entry protocol of “key and verify,” in which survey data were entered twice into an electronic dataset and then compared. Discrepancies were evaluated against the original survey form and corrected. Range checks as well as other forms of quality control were also performed.

## SURVEY DATA WEIGHTING

The demographic characteristics of the survey sample were compared to those found in the 2010 Census estimates and 2005-2009 American Community Survey and other population norms for adults in the City of La Vista. Sample results were weighted using the population norms to reflect the appropriate percent of those residents. Other discrepancies between the whole population and the sample were also aided by the weighting due to the intercorrelation of many socioeconomic characteristics.

The variables used for weighting were housing tenure, housing unit type, race and ethnicity and sex and age. This decision was based on:

- The disparity between the survey respondent characteristics and the population norms for these variables
- The saliency of these variables in detecting differences of opinion among subgroups
- The importance to the community of correct ethnic representation

The primary objective of weighting survey data is to make the survey sample reflective of the larger population of the community. This is done by: 1) reviewing the sample demographics and comparing them to the population norms from the most recent Census or other sources and 2) comparing the responses to different questions for demographic subgroups. The demographic characteristics that are least similar to the Census and yield the most different results are the best candidates for data weighting. A third criterion sometimes used is the importance that the community places on a specific variable. For example, if a jurisdiction feels that accurate race representation is key to staff and public acceptance of the study results, additional consideration will be given in the weighting process to adjusting the race variable.

A special software program using mathematical algorithms is used to calculate the appropriate weights. Data weighting can adjust up to 5 demographic variables. Several different weighting "schemes" may be tested to ensure the best fit for the data.

The process actually begins at the point of sampling. Knowing that residents in single family dwellings are more likely to respond to a mail survey, NRC oversamples residents of multi-family dwellings to ensure their proper representation in the sample data. Rather than giving all residents an equal chance of receiving the survey, this is systematic, stratified sampling, which gives each resident of the jurisdiction a known chance of receiving the survey (and apartment dwellers, for example, a greater chance than single family home dwellers). As a consequence, results must be weighted to recapture the proper representation of apartment dwellers.

The results of the weighting scheme are presented in the table on the following page.

La Vista Citizen Survey Weighting Table			
Characteristic	Population Norm <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted Data	Weighted Data
<b>Housing</b>			
Rent home	45%	37%	45%
Own home	55%	63%	55%
Detached unit	61%	65%	61%
Attached unit	39%	35%	39%
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>			
White	89%	94%	90%
Not white	11%	6%	10%
Not Hispanic	95%	98%	97%
Hispanic	5%	2%	3%
White alone, not Hispanic	87%	93%	87%
Hispanic and/or other race	13%	7%	13%
<b>Sex and Age</b>			
Female	53%	61%	53%
Male	47%	39%	47%
18-34 years of age	38%	17%	37%
35-54 years of age	38%	37%	38%
55+ years of age	24%	46%	25%
Females 18-34	20%	11%	20%
Females 35-54	20%	23%	20%
Females 55+	13%	27%	14%
Males 18-34	18%	7%	18%
Males 35-54	18%	13%	18%
Males 55+	11%	19%	11%

<sup>1</sup> Source: 2010 Census/2005-2009 ACS

## SURVEY DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

The survey dataset was analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Frequency distributions were presented in the body of the report.

### Use of the “Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor” Response Scale

The scale on which respondents are asked to record their opinions about service and community quality is “excellent,” “good,” “fair” or “poor” (EGFP). This scale has important advantages over other scale possibilities (very good to very bad; very satisfied to very dissatisfied; strongly agree to strongly disagree, as examples). EGFP is used by the plurality of jurisdictions conducting citizen surveys across the U.S. The advantage of familiarity was one that NRC did not want to dismiss when crafting The National Citizen Survey™ questionnaire, because elected officials, staff and residents already are acquainted with opinion surveys measured this way. EGFP also has the advantage of offering three positive options, rather than only two, over which a resident can offer an opinion. While symmetrical scales often are the right choice in other measurement tasks, NRC has found that ratings of almost every local government service in almost every jurisdiction tend, on average, to be positive (that is, above the scale midpoint). Therefore, to permit finer distinctions among positively rated services, EGFP offers three options across which to spread those ratings. EGFP is more neutral because it requires no positive statement of service quality to judge (as agree-disagree scales require) and, finally, EGFP intends to measure absolute quality of service delivery or community quality (unlike satisfaction scales which ignore residents’ perceptions of quality in favor of their report on the acceptability of the level of service offered).

### “Don’t Know” Responses

On many of the questions in the survey respondents may answer “don’t know.” The proportion of respondents giving this reply is shown in the full set of responses included in Appendix A. However, these responses have been removed from the analyses presented in the body of the report. In other words, the tables and graphs display the responses from respondents who had an opinion about a specific item.

### Benchmark Comparisons

NRC has been leading the strategic use of surveys for local governments since 1991, when the principals of the company wrote the first edition of what became the classic text on citizen surveying. In *Citizen Surveys: how to do them, how to use them, what they mean*, published by ICMA, not only were the principles for quality survey methods articulated, but both the idea of benchmark data for citizen opinion and the method for gathering benchmark data were pioneered. The argument for benchmarks was called “In Search of Standards.” “What has been missing from a local government’s analysis of its survey results is the context that school administrators can supply when they tell parents how an 80 percent score on the social studies test compares to test results from other school systems...”

NRC’s database of comparative resident opinion is comprised of resident perspectives gathered in citizen surveys from approximately 500 jurisdictions whose residents evaluated local government services. Conducted with typically no fewer than 400 residents in each jurisdiction, opinions are intended to represent over 30 million Americans. NRC has innovated a method for quantitatively integrating the results of surveys that are conducted by NRC with those that others have conducted. The integration methods have been thoroughly described not only in the *Citizen Surveys* book, but also in *Public Administration Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Scholars who specialize in the analysis of citizen surveys regularly have relied on this work (e.g., Kelly, J. &

Swindell, D. (2002). Service quality variation across urban space: First steps towards a model of citizen satisfaction. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 24, 271-288.; Van Ryzin, G., Muzzio, D., Immerwahr, S., Gulick, L. & Martinez, E. (2004). Drivers and consequences of citizen satisfaction: An application of the American Customer Satisfaction Index Model to New York City, *Public Administration Review*, 64, 331- 341). The method described in those publications is refined regularly and statistically tested on a growing number of citizen surveys in NRC's proprietary databases. NRC's work on calculating national benchmarks for resident opinions about service delivery and quality of life won the Samuel C. May award for research excellence from the Western Governmental Research Association.

The comparison evaluations are from the most recent survey completed in each jurisdiction; most communities conduct surveys every year or in alternating years. NRC adds the latest results quickly upon survey completion, keeping the benchmark data fresh and relevant.

### The Role of Comparisons

Benchmark comparisons are used for performance measurement. Jurisdictions use the comparative information to help interpret their own citizen survey results, to create or revise community plans, to evaluate the success of policy or budget decisions and to measure local government performance. Taking the pulse of the community has little meaning without knowing what pulse rate is too high and what is too low. When surveys of service satisfaction turn up "good" citizen evaluations, jurisdictions need to know how others rate their services to understand if "good" is good enough. Furthermore, in the absence of national or peer community comparisons, a jurisdiction is left with comparing its fire protection rating to its street maintenance rating. That comparison is unfair. Streets always lose to fire. More important and harder questions need to be asked; for example, how do residents' ratings of fire service compare to opinions about fire service in other communities?

A police department that provides the fastest and most efficient service – one that closes most of its cases, solves most of its crimes and keeps the crime rate low – still has a problem to fix if the residents in the community it intends to protect believe services are not very good compared to ratings given by residents to their own objectively "worse" departments. The benchmark data can help that police department – or any department – to understand how well citizens think it is doing. Without the comparative data, it would be like bowling in a tournament without knowing what the other teams are scoring. NRC recommends that citizen opinion be used in conjunction with other sources of data about budget, personnel and politics to help managers know how to respond to comparative results.

Jurisdictions in the benchmark database are distributed geographically across the country and range from small to large in population size. Most commonly, comparisons are made to the entire database. Comparisons may also be made to subsets of jurisdictions (for example, within a given region or population category). Despite the differences in jurisdiction characteristics, all are in the business of providing local government services to residents. Though individual jurisdiction circumstances, resources and practices vary, the objective in every community is to provide services that are so timely, tailored and effective that residents conclude the services are of the highest quality. High ratings in any jurisdiction, like SAT scores in any teen household, bring pride and a sense of accomplishment.

### Comparison of La Vista to the Benchmark Database

The City of La Vista chose to have comparisons made to the entire database. A benchmark comparison (the average rating from all the comparison jurisdictions where a similar question was

asked) has been provided when a similar question on the City of La Vista Survey was included in NRC's database and there were at least five jurisdictions in which the question was asked. For most questions compared to the entire dataset, there were more than 100 jurisdictions included in the benchmark comparison.

Where comparisons for quality ratings were available, the City of La Vista's results were generally noted as being "above" the benchmark, "below" the benchmark or "similar" to the benchmark. For some questions – those related to resident behavior, circumstance or to a local problem – the comparison to the benchmark is designated as "more," "similar" or "less" (for example, the percent of crime victims, residents visiting a park or residents identifying code enforcement as a problem.) In instances where ratings are considerably higher or lower than the benchmark, these ratings have been further demarcated by the attribute of "much," (for example, "much less" or "much above"). These labels come from a statistical comparison of the City of La Vista's rating to the benchmark where a rating is considered "similar" if it is within the margin of error; "above," "below," "more" or "less" if the difference between your jurisdiction's rating and the benchmark is greater than the margin of error; and "much above," "much below," "much more" or "much less" if the difference between your jurisdiction's rating and the benchmark is more than twice the margin of error.

## APPENDIX C: SURVEY MATERIALS

The following pages contain copies of the survey materials sent to randomly selected households within the City of La Vista.

Dear La Vista Resident,

Your household has been selected at random to participate in an anonymous citizen survey about the City of La Vista. You will receive a copy of the survey next week in the mail with instructions for completing and returning it. Thank you in advance for helping us with this important project!

Sincerely,

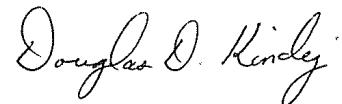


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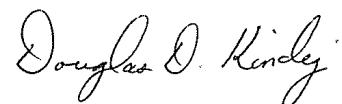


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Dear City of La Vista Resident:

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Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed Citizen Survey. Your feedback will help the City set benchmarks for tracking the quality of services provided to residents. Your answers will help the City Council make decisions that affect our community. You should find the questions interesting and we will definitely find your answers useful. Please participate!

**To get a representative sample of La Vista residents, the adult (anyone 18 years or older) in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey. Year of birth of the adult does not matter.**

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Your participation in this survey is very important – especially since your household is one of only a small number of households being surveyed. If you have any questions about the Citizen Survey please call 402-331-4343.

Please help us shape the future of La Vista. Thank you for your time and participation.

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Dear City of La Vista Resident:

About one week ago, you should have received a copy of the enclosed survey. **If you completed it and sent it back, we thank you for your time and ask you to recycle this survey. Please do not respond twice.** If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, we would appreciate your response. The City of La Vista wants to know what you think about our community and municipal government. You have been randomly selected to participate in the City of La Vista's Citizen Survey.

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# The City of La Vista 2013 Citizen Survey

Please complete this questionnaire if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday. The adult's year of birth does not matter. Please select the response (by circling the number or checking the box) that most closely represents your opinion for each question. Your responses are anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

**1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in La Vista:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
La Vista as a place to live .....	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live .....	1	2	3	4	5
La Vista as a place to raise children.....	1	2	3	4	5
La Vista as a place to work .....	1	2	3	4	5
La Vista as a place to retire.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5

**2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to La Vista as a whole:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of La Vista.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in La Vista.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of business and service establishments in La Vista.....	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Educational opportunities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in religious or spiritual events and activities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of bus travel in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of bicycle travel in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails .....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic flow on major streets .....	1	2	3	4	5
Amount of public parking .....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing .....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality child care .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5

**3. Please rate the speed of growth in the following categories in La Vista over the past 2 years:**

	Much too slow	Somewhat too slow	Right amount	Somewhat too fast	Much too fast	Don't know
Population growth .....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Retail growth (stores, restaurants, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jobs growth.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

**4. To what degree, if at all, are run down buildings, weed lots or junk vehicles a problem in La Vista?**

Not a problem     Minor problem     Moderate problem     Major problem     Don't know

**5. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel from the following in La Vista:**

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
Violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery) .....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft).....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Environmental hazards, including toxic waste.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

**6. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:**

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In your neighborhood after dark.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In La Vista's downtown area during the day .....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In La Vista's downtown area after dark.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

**7. Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Police Department within the last 12 months?**

No → Go to Question 9     Yes → Go to Question 8     Don't know → Go to Question 9

**8. What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Police Department?**

Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor     Don't know

**9. During the past 12 months, were you or anyone in your household the victim of any crime?**

No → Go to Question 11     Yes → Go to Question 10     Don't know → Go to Question 11

**10. If yes, was this crime (these crimes) reported to the police?**

No     Yes     Don't know

**11. In the last 12 months, about how many times, if ever, have you or other household members participated in the following activities in La Vista?**

	Never	Once or twice	3 to 12 times	13 to 26 times	More than 26 times
Used La Vista public libraries or their services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Used La Vista recreation centers .....	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in a recreation program or activity .....	1	2	3	4	5
Visited a neighborhood park or City park.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ridden a local bus within La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Attended a meeting of local elected officials or other local public meeting .....	1	2	3	4	5
Read La Vista Newsletter .....	1	2	3	4	5
Visited the City of La Vista Web site (at <a href="http://www.cityoflavista.org">www.cityoflavista.org</a> ) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from your home.....	1	2	3	4	5
Volunteered your time to some group or activity in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in religious or spiritual activities in La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
Participated in a club or civic group in La Vista.....	1	2	3	4	5
Provided help to a friend or neighbor.....	1	2	3	4	5

**12. About how often, if at all, do you talk to or visit with your immediate neighbors (people who live in the 10 or 20 households that are closest to you)?**

Just about every day  
 Several times a week  
 Several times a month  
 Less than several times a month

# The City of La Vista 2013 Citizen Survey

## 13. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in La Vista:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Police services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education .....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair .....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning .....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal .....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance .....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing .....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Storm drainage.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services .....	1	2	3	4	5
City parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes .....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning and zoning .....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development .....	1	2	3	4	5
Services to seniors.....	1	2	3	4	5
Services to youth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Services to low-income people .....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Public information services .....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts .....	1	2	3	4	5

## 14. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The City of La Vista.....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government .....	1	2	3	4	5
The State Government .....	1	2	3	4	5
Sarpy County Government.....	1	2	3	4	5

## 15. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following:

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Recommend living in La Vista to someone who asks .....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in La Vista for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

## 16. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:

Very positive     Somewhat positive     Neutral     Somewhat negative     Very negative

**17. Have you had any in-person or phone contact with an employee of the City of La Vista Fire Department within the last 12 months?**

No → Go to Question 19       Yes → Go to Question 18       Don't know → Go to Question 19

**18. What was your overall impression of your most recent contact with the City of La Vista Fire Department?**

Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor       Don't know

**19. Have you had any in-person, phone or email contact with an employee of the City of La Vista within the last 12 months (including police, receptionists, planners or any others)?**

No → Go to Question 21       Yes → Go to Question 20

**20. What was your impression of the employee(s) of the City of La Vista in your most recent contact? (Rate each characteristic below.)**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Knowledge.....	1	2	3	4	5
Responsiveness.....	1	2	3	4	5
Courtesy .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall impression.....	1	2	3	4	5

**21. Please rate the following categories of La Vista government performance:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The value of services for the taxes paid to La Vista .....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that La Vista is taking .....	1	2	3	4	5
The job La Vista government does at welcoming citizen involvement.....	1	2	3	4	5

**22. Please check the response that comes closest to your opinion for each of the following questions:**

**a. How likely or unlikely would you be to support an additional ½ cent sales tax for infrastructure improvements in both neighborhood parks and the development of Civic Center Park as identified in Vision 84?**

Strongly support     Somewhat support     Somewhat oppose     Strongly oppose     Don't know

**b. If the city were to offer more civic engagement opportunities (i.e. focus groups, town meetings, online forums, etc.), how likely or unlikely would you be to participate?**

Very likely     Somewhat likely     Somewhat unlikely     Very unlikely     Don't know

**c. How important, if at all, do you feel it is for the City of La Vista to continue to provide a swimming pool amenity?**

Essential     Very important     Somewhat important     Not at all important     Don't know

**d. What should be the highest priorities for the City of La Vista to make this community a better place to live?**

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# The City of La Vista 2013 Citizen Survey

**Our last questions are about you and your household. Again, all of your responses to this survey are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.**

**D1. Are you currently employed for pay?**

- No → Go to Question D3
- Yes, full time → Go to Question D2
- Yes, part time → Go to Question D2

**D2. During a typical week, how many days do you commute to work (for the longest distance of your commute) in each of the ways listed below? (Enter the total number of days, using whole numbers.)**

Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) by myself .....	_____ days
Motorized vehicle (e.g., car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) with other children or adults .....	_____ days
Bus, rail, subway or other public transportation .....	_____ days
Walk .....	_____ days
Bicycle .....	_____ days
Work at home .....	_____ days
Other .....	_____ days

**D3. How many years have you lived in La Vista?**

- Less than 2 years  11-20 years
- 2-5 years  More than 20 years
- 6-10 years

**D4. Which best describes the building you live in?**

- One family house detached from any other houses
- House attached to one or more houses (e.g., a duplex or townhome)
- Building with two or more apartments or condominiums
- Mobile home
- Other

**D5. Is this house, apartment or mobile home...**

- Rented for cash or occupied without cash payment?
- Owned by you or someone in this house with a mortgage or free and clear?

**D6. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?**

- Less than \$300 per month
- \$300 to \$599 per month
- \$600 to \$999 per month
- \$1,000 to \$1,499 per month
- \$1,500 to \$2,499 per month
- \$2,500 or more per month

**D7. Do any children 17 or under live in your household?**

- No
- Yes

**D8. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?**

- No
- Yes

**D9. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)**

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

**Please respond to both questions D10 and D11:**

**D10. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?**

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic or Latino
- Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic or Latino

**D11. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)**

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian, Asian Indian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White
- Other

**D12. In which category is your age?**

- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75 years or older

**D13. What is your sex?**

- Female
- Male

**D14. Are you registered to vote in your jurisdiction?**

- No
- Ineligible to vote
- Yes
- Don't know

**D15. Many people don't have time to vote in elections.**

**Did you vote in the last general election?**

- No
- Ineligible to vote
- Yes
- Don't know

**D16. Do you have a cell phone?**

- No
- Yes

**D17. Do you have a land line at home?**

- No
- Yes

**D18. If you have both a cell phone and a land line, which do you consider your primary telephone number?**

- Cell
- Land line
- Both

**Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:  
National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502**



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ITEM F

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
JUNE 18, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
DISCUSSION - MUNICIPAL CODE § 95.11 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PETS	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BOB LAUSTEN POLICE CHIEF

**SYNOPSIS**

La Vista Municipal Code § 95.11 regulates the maximum number of pets allowed per residence in La Vista. A request was made by the Mayor to discuss this item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discussion

**BACKGROUND**

Police Chief Bob Lausten was contacted by the Nebraska Humane Society and informed of a situation regarding a resident with three dogs. Having three dogs is a violation of La Vista Municipal Code § 95.11. The maximum number of dogs allowed per residence is two. Further investigation revealed prior to obtaining the third dog, the resident was provided incorrect information from a police employee informing the resident the third dog would be allowable as long as the dogs were not vicious, there are no previous complaints, and the owners were not running a kennel. The resident is in possession of a 5 month old Westie, a 6 year old Short hair Chihuahua and a 4 year old long hair Chihuahua. All dogs are licensed and current on their shots. The resident was provided notice of the violation and given 30 days to comply.

This resident attended the June 4, 2013 La Vista City Council meeting and spoke about this situation under "Comments from the Floor".

La Vista's municipal code § 95.11 was last amended in 1982. The Municipal Code states:

**§ 95.11 MAXIMUM NUMBER ALLOWED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor at any time more than two adult dogs, two adult cats or adult rabbits per residential or dwelling unit in the city. The total number of adult dogs, adult cats and adult rabbits per residential or dwelling unit in the city shall not exceed four adult animals. For the purpose of this section, an adult dog, cat or rabbit is a dog or cat that is more than four months old or a rabbit that is more than four months old. Provisions of this section shall not apply to catteries, kennels, and pet stores which have been licensed pursuant to § 95.17.

(‘79 Code, § 6-112) (Ord. 212, passed - -; Am. Ord. 283, passed 4-11-81; Am. Ord. 283, passed 9-1-81; Am. Ord. 296, passed 2-2-82) Penalty, see § 95.99

Below is a comparison of surrounding jurisdiction's "maximum number of pets allowed":

La Vista

Number of animals allowed:

4 animals over 4 months with a maximum of 2 per species of dogs, cats and rabbits.

Omaha

Number of animals allowed: 3 dogs and 5 cats

\* may have up to 5 dogs with special permit

Bellevue

Number of animals allowed: 3 animals over 6 months (either species)

Papillion

Number of animals allowed: 4 adult animals (either species)

Unincorporated Sarpy County

Number of animals allowed: 4 dogs, unlimited cats

Ralston

Number of animals allowed: 3 animals with a maximum of 2 per species of dogs or cats

ITEM 6

**CITY OF LA VISTA  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT  
JUNE 18, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	BRENDA S. GUNN CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**SYNOPSIS**

On June 19, 2012 the City Council adopted the updated strategic plan that was developed during the work session held by the Mayor and City Council on March 20, 2012. This is the third progress report since the adoption of the plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive/File.

**BACKGROUND**

On Tuesday, March 20, 2012 the Mayor and City Council held a strategic planning work session. As a result, the collaborative effort with the management team produced the City's Strategic Plan for 2012-2014 which Council approved via Resolution No. 12-070.

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# City of La Vista

Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

## 1. Pursue revitalization of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street corridor & other economic development opportunities

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
a. <b>Vision 84 Implementation</b>	Develop design guidelines for buildings and public realm amenities	CD/Admin/ PW	Spring 2013	Staff has been compiling and reviewing research material and examples.	Recommend process for development of design guidelines to include public participation component.	
	Prepare park program & master plan	CD/Admin/ PW/Rec	FY 12/13	Joint workshop of Park & Rec Advisory Board, Planning Commission & City Council was held.	City Council public hearing June 18.	
	Prepare an infrastructure/drainage master plan Pursue 84th Street Relinquishment	CD/Admin/ PW	FY14 ongoing	The City understands status of 84th Street relinquishment & associated complications	Determine necessity, rationale, logistics for pursuing or not	
	Prepare financial/fiscal impact analysis for Phase 1 Refine initial phase(s) based on financial analysis results and prepare pro forma	CD/Admin	FY13/14	CD/Admin	Draft of redevelopment plan presented to Planning Commission.	Redevelopment plan review by City Council will be scheduled; meetings ongoing with local developers & development experts
	Identify actions and incentives to be provided by the City	CD/Admin	FY13/14	CD/Admin	Draft of redevelopment plan immediate & ongoing	Utilizing services of local planning consultant who specializes in redevelopment projects on an as needed, hourly basis.
	Explore scope and feasibility of development consultant/manager.	CD/Admin	FY 13/14	PW	FY13/14	
	Design public improvements & obtain required permits & utility coordination					



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 1. Pursue revitalization of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street corridor & other economic development opportunities (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
	Coordinate with Comp Plan update & 84th Street signal coordination study now in progress	PW	FY13	MAPA has RFP out for systems engineering study	Anticipate federal funding for signal coordination in FY13	
	Integrate Vision 84 with Municipal Facilities Plan	CD/Admin /PW	Ongoing	Leo A. Daly has finalized a campus plan for City Hall area and connection to 84th St.	Ensure integration with Vision 84 & Civic Park Master Plan, Council update at future meeting	
	Coordinate with neighboring cities	CD/PW/ Admin	Ongoing	This will be an ongoing effort		
	Keep public informed about issues and progress	CD/Admin	Ongoing	Mailings, press releases & social media related to park planning & Vision 84 implementation processes	Regular updates in quarterly newsletter	
<b>b. Pursue actions to encourage property owners with vacant space to lease or sell property to viable businesses</b>	Involve property owners in Vision 84 as stakeholders	CD/Admin	ongoing	Property owners have been invited to participate in each Vision 84 related activity	Ongoing efforts will be made to keep property owners informed on Vision 84 progress	
	Work with property owners and/or their representatives to facilitate implementation of Vision 84	CD/Admin	ongoing	Redevelopment of 84th & Harrison (Divine Truth/CVS)	Continue to meet with property owner/representatives	
	In addition to pursuing 84th Street redevelopment opportunities, continue to seek out opportunities to ensure successful build out of Southport and other areas of the city.	Admin/CD	immediate & ongoing	Ongoing effort to generate interest in entertainment District.	Promote & provide information to those interested in Entertainment District. Develop Entertainment Strategy.	
	Continued ICSC Participation & Exposure	Admin/CD	immediate & ongoing	Admin/CD	ICSC follow up correspondence.	



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 1. Pursue revitalization of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street corridor & other economic development opportunities (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
	Continue to market La Vista to targeted retailers, restaurants & corporations	Admin/CD	ongoing, Fy12/13	Updated marketing materials to reflect new census data		
	Develop inventory of vacant commercial/retail properties and link to site that lists available properties	CD	Spring 2013	Funding included in FY13 budget to develop commercial & industrial site inventory analysis	Under review	
<b>d. Work to ensure adequate public transportation</b>	Continue working with Metro Area Transit (MAT) for increased and better service routes; possible park & ride	CD/PW	immediate & ongoing	Multiple meetings with MAT regarding service in Sarpy County; Planner member of Heartland Connection Regional Transit Vision steering committee		

### 2. Provide for planned, fiscally responsible expansion of the city's boundaries

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>a. Comprehensive Plan Update</b>	Prepare schedule, scope of work & RFP for Comprehensive Plan update	CD	Summer 2013	Draft being developed	Develop timeline; recommend funding in FY14 budget	
	Development of community wide Strategic Plan.	CD/Admin	TBD		Incorporate as part of the Comp Plan update & FY14 budget recommendation	
	Consultant selection	CD	Summer 2013	Draft RFP being prepared	Issue RFP in accordance with schedule	
<b>b. Implementation of annexation plan</b>	Review and update annexation plan annually	Fin/CD	Feb/March 2013	Annexation of SID 195, Papio Valley Business Park underway.	Annual update of long range annexation plan	SID 59 fully incorporated as part of the city
	Assume responsibility for providing services in newly annexed areas.	All		Annexation in Progress	Council review of annexation package for 2013/14.	Services being provided to former SID 59



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 2. Provide for planned, fiscally responsible expansion of the city's boundaries (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
c. Ensure budget & CIP provide for infrastructure improvements necessary to serve areas targeted in annexation plan	Evaluate infrastructure in areas contemplated for annexation	PW	ongoing	CIP process for 2014-2018 underway.	Reviewed annually as part of CIP/Budget process and 1 & 6 Year Road Plan	
d. Communicate annexation plan & property tax implications to residents and businesses located in new growth areas	Incorporate infrastructure improvements as part of the CIP process	PW	ongoing	CIP process for 2014-2018 underway.	Prepare article for future CityWise issue	
e. Work with neighboring cities to protect the integrity of each city's boundaries and ETJs	Pursue this discussion through the United Cities format	CD/Admin	TBD based on plan	Currently working with City of Papillion on boundary issues associated with 96th Street/Portal Road/107th Street	Admin	ongoing



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 3. Maintain Quality of Older Residential Neighborhoods

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
a. <b>Provide for essential maintenance &amp; priority improvements in neighborhood public facilities through CIP</b>	Submit public facility improvements as part of the CIP process	PW/CIP Committee	ongoing			Internal review and discussion of report
b. <b>Ensure attractive neighborhoods by strengthening &amp; enforcing building &amp; environmental codes</b>	Review and propose improvements to municipal codes	CD/PD/PW	ongoing	A comprehensive report regarding the City's property maintenance codes and ordinances has been prepared		Part time code position proposed by PD in FY14
	Work to be more proactive in code enforcement	PD	Ongoing	Code Enforcement position is working flexible shift, currently evaluating need for additional staff to handle ETJ (FY14 budget)		
	Evaluate using a private vendor to complete property clean up and mowing	PW	Spring 2013			Recommendations as part of the FY14 budget
c. <b>Monitor efficiency &amp; effectiveness of rental housing inspection program</b>	Prepare & present annual RIP overview to Mayor & Council along with any recommended revisions to the code.	CD	ongoing			
	Pursue enforcement actions	CD	TBD			Pursue penalties pending outcome of litigation.



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 3. Maintain Quality of Older Residential Neighborhoods

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>d. Continue developing strategy to address erosion &amp; maintenance issues related to Thompson Creek</b>	Preliminary work on plans for channel stabilization improvements in order to pursue funding options.	PW	immediate & ongoing	Submitted Environmental Trust & NDEQ Grant Applications in August 2012. Funding included in FY12 CIP for planning/study of channel stabilization improvements.	Prepare Project Implementation Plan for NDEQ grant	
	Begin seeking Corps permits and coordinate with utility companies	PW		immediate & ongoing	Anticipate beginning process in FY13	
	Begin construction of channel improvements	PW	FY14		Construction dependent on securing grant funding.	
<b>e. Evaluate need for Neighborhood Revitalization Program</b>	Research the need for and the City's role in a Neighborhood Revitalization Program	CD	2014		Incorporate recommendation as part of the Comp Plan update	

### 4. Enhance La Vista's identity and raise awareness of the city's many qualities

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>a. Increase communications with La Vista residents and other key audiences</b>	Investigate the feasibility of providing live and/or archived web casts of City Council meetings Investigate social media for city broadcast	Admin	Fall 2011	Funding included in FY13 Budget to upgrade Council Chambers	Committee preparing RFP Council Chamber improvements Launched	
		Admin	Summer 2012	Social media policy approved by Social Council in December	Facebook/Twitter Jan. 2013	



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 4. Enhance La Vista's identity and raise awareness of the city's many qualities (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Steps	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>b. Increase citizen-council engagement</b>	<p>Conduct town hall or neighborhood meetings in various venues</p> <p>Continue to provide citizen education on City activities and performance</p>	Admin	Ongoing	Civic Park Community Meeting 1-31-12 2012 Citizen Police Academy held Strategic Plan in early 2012; Police presentation at Leadership Sarpy	Development to be recommended in conjunction with Comp Plan update	
	<p>Recommendation for citizens leadership academy program</p>	All	Ongoing		Research similar programs with recommendation in FY14 Budget	
<b>c. Develop and aggressively market La Vista through strategic partnerships</b>	<p>Recommendation for Mayor's youth leadership council</p> <p>Provide funding for update of community marketing materials</p> <p>Develop community branding strategy</p>	Admin	Spring 2013		<p>Research similar programs; Develop Pilot Program in conjunction with Library Teen Group Participants.</p> <p>Updated marketing materials based on new Census data</p>	<p>The LVCF helps fund a portion of the advertising budget for the City's special annual activities; Rec. staff working with Cabela's on joint program for adults &amp; children; Adventure Race; IDEAL Legacy project; PW &amp; PD.</p>
	<p>Identify opportunities for cooperative efforts with outside agencies</p>	All	ongoing		Utilize information obtained through Strategic Planning process	



# City of La Vista

## Strategic Plan 2012 - 2014

### 5. Improve and expand the City's quality of life amenities for residents and visitors

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
a. Create new opportunities that bring residents together for celebration, leisure or civic engagement	<p>Look for opportunities to initiate ongoing events such as community movie nights &amp; summer concerts</p> <p>La Vista Daze Winter Holiday Decorations &amp; Festivities</p> <p>Identify &amp; promote development of new cultural amenities in partnership with other community groups such as the La Vista Community Foundation, area Chambers of Commerce &amp; local service groups.</p>	<p>Concert &amp; Movie Night Committee</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>New banners and decorations installed</p> <p>Internal committee to identify potential new event (2013?); IDEAL Legacy Project at library completed</p>	<p>2013 scheduled and underway</p>	completed
b. Address the needs associated with the City's aging swimming pool facility	Make decision regarding future of the swimming pool	M&C/Rec/ P/W/Admin	ongoing	Initiative on May 2012 did not pass.	Continue to operate pool until major expenditures warranted; consider alternatives	
c. Identify options for creation of public green space with the property owner of the sod farm and develop a plan	Develop master park plan.	CD/Rec/P/W	Ongoing		Make recommendation regarding impact of Vision 84 & Civic Park plans as they relate to City's original needs associated with sod farm	



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### 5. Improve and expand the City's quality of life amenities for residents and visitors (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>d. Expand recreation programs and services for all age groups</b>	<p>Develop Recreation Program Master Plan to evaluate existing programs &amp; establish direction for future planning and programming</p> <p>Research &amp; recommend new programs or changes to existing programs</p>	Rec	FY13	<p>Funding included as part of FY13 Budget (part of this will probably be carried over into FY14)</p>	Develop & recommend project scope: establish timeline; prepare and conduct RFP process.	
<b>e. Maintain and enhance City's existing &amp; future park areas &amp; green spaces</b>	<p>Review current marketing practices and make recommendations for improvement and/or exploring new opportunities</p> <p>Develop a plan for financing park amenities and incorporate into the CIP</p>	Rec/Admin	ongoing	<p>New programs: letters to Santa, fall baseball clinic, senior olympics, hot wheels races, senior Tai Chai, sewing social hour, classic movie night, cupcake party, pre-school craft days, passport to play, evening swim lessons, entertainment, Easter egg dying.</p> <p>Working with Community Relations Coordinator to improve marketing practices. Utilize Constant Contacts, Facebook &amp; Twitter</p>	<p>Develop new program</p> <p>Determine a funding source &amp; schedule projects in CIP.</p> <p>Cost estimates have been prepared to develop a plan which will ultimately be incorporated with the CIP. Work sessions with Council to discuss financing options was held in Feb. 2013.</p>	<p>Develop new program guide / Utilize social media</p> <p>Determine a funding source &amp; schedule projects in CIP.</p> <p>Present plant to Park &amp; Recreation Advisory Board and City Council for approval</p>



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### 5. Improve and expand the City's quality of life amenities for residents and visitors (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
f. Develop & begin implementation of a "green plan" that identifies the City's role, through its facilities and programs, in contributing to a sustainable community	Continued involvement with the Papillion Creek Watershed Partnership	PD/PW	June.	Data has been collected. Police and PW scheduled to meet in June.	Sewer Foreman attending partnership meetings	Develop facility maintenance plan for PW, requirement of storm water plan.
	Explore options to incorporate green building principals as city facilities are remodeled or new facilities are constructed	Bldgs & Grounds	ongoing	Completion of energy audit for City Hall/Community Center; lighting rehab to PW building switched to LED	Upgrade light fixtures throughout city hall and community center as current lights or ballasts need replacement.	
<b>6. Pursue action that enables the City to be more proactive on legislative issues &amp; other areas of common interest</b>						
Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
a. Participate in UCSC to promote shared interests of La Vista and its partner communities	Continue regular meetings of the Mayors of Sarpy County communities	Admin	Ongoing	Shared Services Study Completion & Implementation	Admin/Fin/ PD/Fire	Shared Services study underway; sub-committee meetings (ongoing)
	Work with Sarpy County to resolve planning & sewer issues	PW	Ongoing	Interlocal regarding ETJ stormwater issues completed.		Governance Committee Meeting June 2013; Additional information from Finance Subcommittee

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### 6. Pursue action that enables the City to be more proactive on legislative issues & other areas of common interest (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
b. Adopt and lobby on behalf of a legislative agenda specific to the City	Continue joint lobbying efforts with UCSC	Admin	Ongoing	Legislative agenda adopted annually	Working to develop 2013 legislative agenda	
	Identify legislative issues of specific interest to La Vista and allocate resources for lobbying	Admin	ongoing	Funding for additional lobbying services included in FY13 Budget		
c. Redistrict City Council Wards	Communication of boundary changes to public.	Admin	ongoing thru Nov 2012 election	Press releases, CityWise articles & maps, social media	Communicate City Council ward information to residents of newly annexed areas.	



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### 7. Adopt and implement standards of excellence for the administration of City services.

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Steps	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>a. Ensure that the City is fiscally responsible while trying to meet the needs of a growing community</b>	<p>Diversify current &amp; future fiscal resources to meet rising demands, while effectively controlling costs</p> <p>all</p> <p>immediate &amp; ongoing</p> <p>Update financial policies</p> <p>Utilize technology to create more efficient financial processes</p> <p>Fin</p> <p>FY 12 &amp; 13</p> <p>Funding to begin process of financial software purchase included in FY13 Budget</p> <p>Fin/Admin</p> <p>See CIP</p> <p>Meeting with bond counsel &amp; fiscal agents to review and discuss financing options</p> <p>Admin/CIP Committee/ Department Heads</p> <p>immediate &amp; ongoing</p> <p>Financial Advisor to work with FD &amp; Admin June 2013</p>					Committee work to begin
	<p>Identify future revenue and funding requirements necessary to implement Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Master Facilities Plan (MFPP) &amp; annual capital purchases; develop options for meeting those requirements</p> <p>Evaluation of City services that may need to be discontinued or contracted out</p> <p>all</p> <p>immediate &amp; ongoing</p>					Working on long range financial plan
	<p>Monitor, review and propose changes to city programs that have a significant financial impact such as contractual services, insurance and employee benefits</p> <p>Investigate the potential of collaborating with other agencies on programs and services that have a significant fiscal impact</p> <p>Admin/HR</p> <p>immediate &amp; ongoing</p>					Recommendations from Performance Measure Team
						Ongoing Employee Focus Group meetings to discuss and recommend potential changes to benefits. Employee Benefit Survey
						Collaboration with other municipalities for property, casualty, worker's comp insurance audit is underway.
						Modified health ins plan recommendation for 2013. First draft of insurance audit expected by end of December.



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### 7. Adopt and implement standards of excellence for the administration of City services. (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
<b>b. Maintain City's Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<p>Monitor current operational procedures in comparison to NFPA Standards.</p> <p>Currently evaluating options for Fire &amp; EMS Service provision. A recommendation is expected in the near future.</p> <p>Make recommendations for changes to bring Department into compliance with NFPA 1720 Standards for volunteer departments.</p> <p>Design and incorporate a firefighter residence program that will provide for manning at the D-2 fire station during the most vulnerable times of day.</p>	Fire	immediate & ongoing	Recommendations for Residency program is currently on hold and other options are being explored.	Project placed in pending CIP projects	Will discuss with employee focus group.
<b>c. Provide for the transition of personnel into key City appointed positions through a succession plan</b>	<p>Begin preliminary planning work for District 1 Fire Station</p> <p>Fund and provide training opportunities</p>	Admin/FD/PB&G	Admin	Ongoing	Spring 2013	Continue training & meeting opportunities.



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### 7. Adopt and implement standards of excellence for the administration of City services. (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
	Continue to explore options for involving mid-level managers in organizational initiatives and special projects	All	ongoing	MLM involvement with Performance Measurements & service on PM team; MLM's preparation of FY13 budgets related to respective service areas. MLM budget process debrief & recommendations for improvement.		
	Explore development of Supervisor Training program	All	Spring 2013			
	Consider establishing a City Hall internship for an up and coming supervisor	Admin	TBD			
<b>d. Monitor &amp; refine Pay for Performance (PFP) appraisal system</b>	Meetings with employee advisory group to review efficiency & effectiveness of process	HR/ACA	Ongoing	Changes to the rating scale were approved by Council in September 2011. Meetings held with all supervisors Oct/Nov 2012 reevaluation instrument.	Discuss results of supervisors meetings with employee advisory group. Make recommendations for changes.	Draft instrument in January 2013. Final to be incorporated into CA Spring 2013 evaluation.
	Ensure ongoing two-way communication with employees regarding the program and possible changes.	HR				
	Develop process for 360° Performance Evaluation Process	HR/ACA	Jan-13	Research has been conducted and a program draft is currently being prepared.		
<b>e. Update the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan</b>	Provide opportunities for appropriate staff and officials to receive emergency preparedness training	EMT Committee	Ongoing	In process of getting all employees certified at minimum level NIMS 700; Completed 2nd tabletop drill & full scale disaster drill.		



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### 7. Adopt and implement standards of excellence for the administration of City services. (continued)

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
f. Actively pursue funding opportunities for organizational strategic initiatives and projects consistent with departmental operations.	Communicate Emergency Preparedness Plan to elected officials through periodic review	Safety Committee	Ongoing	M & C attended table-top exercise for elected officials and key City staff was held	Anticipate reviewing LEOP with elected officials at an upcoming Council meeting	
g. Identify opportunities for developing Boards & Commissions	Pursue grant opportunities	All	ongoing	Environmental Trust Fund and NDEQ Grant Fund applications for CDBG assistance. immediate & Thompson Creek, ongoing	Identify areas eligible for NDEQ Grant Fund applications for CDBG assistance.	
	Track and report on grant applications and grants received.	Fin/All	Annual		Continue to provide annual reports for M&C	
	Develop orientation program for new B&C members	City Clerk/B&C staff	Winter 2013/2014		Complete orientation manual and process. Begin orientation process with new board and commission members beginning January 2014.	
	Provide training opportunities for B&C members	CC/B&C staff	FY14	Funding requested as part of FY14 budget.	Recommendations for	
	B&C review of pertinent sections of the Municipal Code	CC/B&C staff	FY14	Begin after orientation program completed.	compliance and/or updates	
	Update B&C regarding Council's strategic priorities	Admin	Annual Fall			
h. Continue the process of developing a high performance work culture	Provide opportunities for appropriate staff training	ongoing		Funding for (2) MLM to attend LEAD included in FY13 Budget		



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Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
Implementation of Performance Measurement Program	All	Immediate & Ongoing	2nd year of data collection.	PM Group will be giving a progress update on August 20th Council meeting.		
Refine monthly department operational reports	All	ongoing		PW is in the process of developing monthly reports.		
Development of Mission Statement, Guiding Principles & Leadership Philosophy	DH/All	Summer 2013	Organizational values survey data compiled; Completion of Mission Statement	Completion of Leadership Philosophy		
Ensure that citizen feedback is solicited and utilized in the evaluation and development of programs and services		2013	National Citizen Survey conducted February 2013; final report March 19	Results to be presented at June 18 Council meeting		



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### 8. Insure efficient, effective investment in technology to enhance service delivery.

Key Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Timeline	Progress to Date	Anticipated Next Step(s)	Objective Achieved / Comments
a. <b>Implement long-range technology plan</b>	Incorporation into CIP	IT Committee	Ongoing			
	Provide opportunities for ongoing & regular two-way communication to ensure that Department Heads and staff are included in IT Strategic Plan implementation and updates	IT Committee	immediate & ongoing			
b. <b>Develop a multi-year plan for financing technology</b>	Designate adequate resources to provide appropriate technology training for city staff	IT Committee	Fall 2013	Forming a sub-committee to develop the plan	Sub-committee formed for IT training (New Horizons training through Sarpy County)	Set up a process for departments to follow, Need feedback from Department Heads

