

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the summer of 2003, the City retained the Dallas-based urban planning firm of Dunkin, Sefko & Associates, Inc. to initiate and complete a major update to the existing Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan project would not have been initiated without the foresight of Levelland's city management, City Council and Planning & Zoning commissioners, and the citizenry of Levelland. The updated Comprehensive Plan is to serve as the framework to guide and shape the physical development of the community over the next 20 years and beyond.

By initiating this update, Levelland is arming itself with the ability to determine how new development should occur and harness this growth to bring the community's vision closer to a reality. This community vision is one primarily devised to strengthen the family-oriented character of the community and further enhance the small town quality of life. To do so, the Plan encourages the following:

- residential development to occur in a predominantly detached, single-family development pattern;
- strengthening of the downtown as the economic, social and political core of the City;
- development of the industrial and agricultural base to strengthen the local economy, in turn securing and increasing "basic" jobs for the City's residents.

The Comprehensive Plan is a document that provides a number of issues critical to the realization of the vision just described: a brief history of the community and its past; a basis, determined by City officials, civic leaders and citizenry, for all principles and ideas presented; appropriate development types and thoroughfare systems; and a guide to the implementation of all principles and ideas presented.